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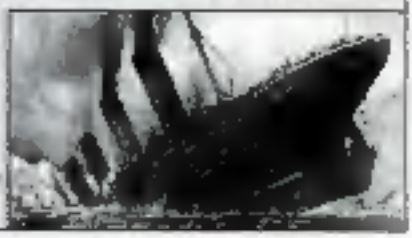

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Here, hot off the wire, are the freshest news stories from around the globe!

MOUNT STERLING, Iowa — Mayor Jo Hamlett is so fed up with people telling tall tales about him they didn't really catch or invent crimes that didn't really happen, he wants the town to outlaw lying! "I just feel like it would put a little more Midwestern honesty back in these people," says Hamlett, 60, who has the whole town talking about his unusual idea. Some oppose it as a violation of free speech, and others just say it just wouldn't work. "They'd just as well take the town off the map," moans one longtime resident. "That's like banning sex in the whorehouse."

PHOENIX, Ariz. — A man dropped a huge ball of rubber bands from an airplane, and blasted a 4-foot-wide crater into the ground! Sources say Tony Evans had spent five years wrapping elastics into a massive, one-ton ball. He dropped the gigantic sphere over the Mojave Desert to see if it would bounce. It didn't — and it collapsed on impact. "But it was an incredible sight," says Evans.

MANCHESTER, England — Investigators think a woman suffocated herself by wearing a plastic bag on her head to protect her pillows from hair dye! The 36-year-old mother was found dead on her bedroom floor by her 9-year-old daughter. Coroners haven't decided the official cause of death, but sources say the woman often went to bed with the bag on her head.

ROSE VALLEY, Utah. — A family witnessed a horrifying accident in the middle of what should have been a happy hunt for Easter eggs: A neighbor's pet bull burst into flame. "The fire was shooting out of his mouth," says the sickened dad who saw the poor bull. The creature apparently had strayed too close to a pile of burning leaves. Amazingly, the bull survived with just his hair singed off, and his owner says he'll be fine. The intrepid creature really lived up to his name: Lucky!

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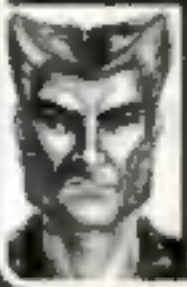

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A 4-year-old girl held prisoner in a remote mountain cabin and awaiting shipment to a pedophile ring in Germany was reportedly rescued by a shaggy freak with razor-sharp claws — just like Wolverine, the superhero in the hit X-Men movie!

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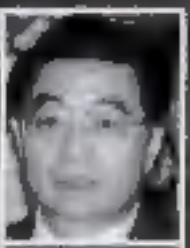

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MAN DIES AT DESK

By [illegible]

— AND NOBODY NOTICES FOR FIVE DAYS!

NEW YORK — The owners of a publishing firm are trying to figure out why no one noticed that one of their employees had been sitting dead at his desk for five mind-boggling days before anyone asked if he was feeling O.K.

Authorities say George Turkleboum, 51, who had been employed as a proofreader for 30 years, suffered a massive heart attack in the well-lighted, open office he shared with 23 other workers on the 11th floor of a high-rise in Manhattan.

A postmortem examination indicates that he passed away on a Monday morning and remained sitting upright at his desk, his head tilted slightly forward over a reference book he appeared to be checking.

But nobody noticed that anything was amiss until Friday night, police reports say.

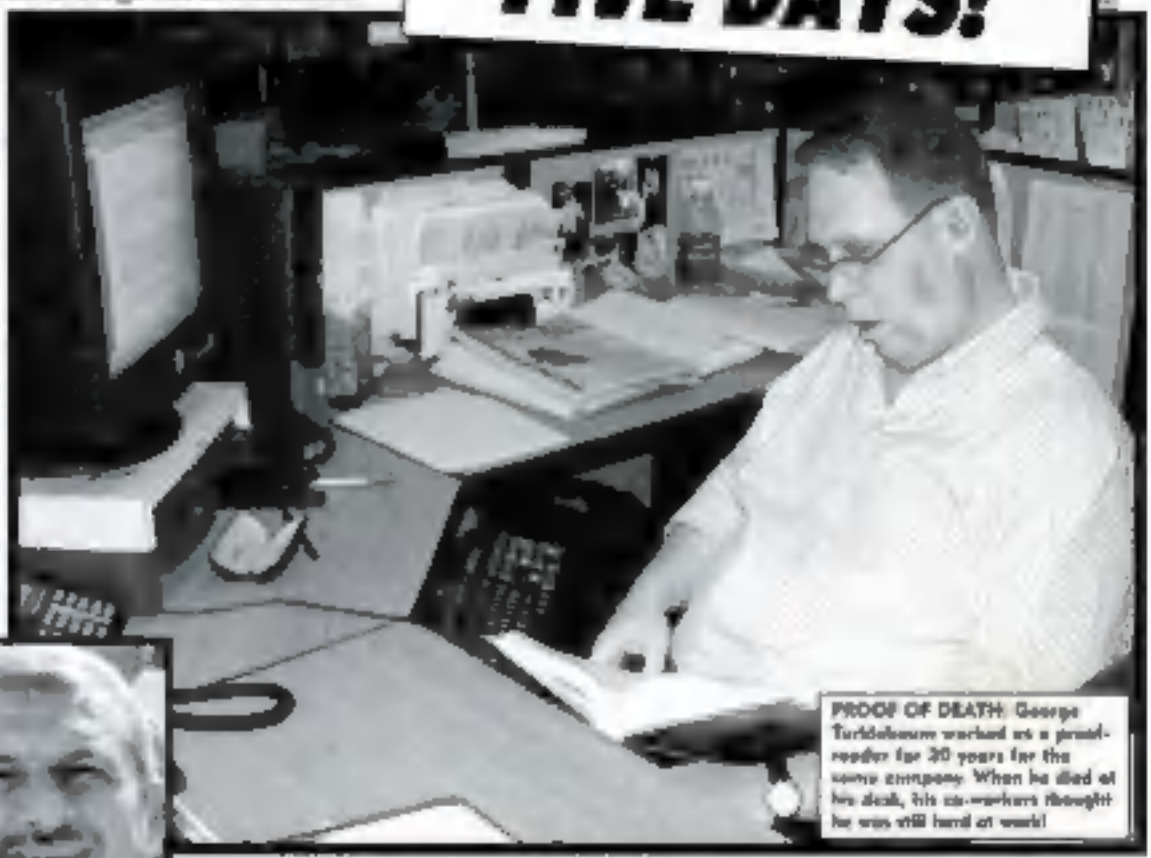
Turkleboum's boss, Elliot Wachiaski, says, "George was always the first guy in each morning and the last to leave at night, so no one found it unusual that he was in the same position all that time and didn't say anything.

"He was always absorbed in his work and kept to himself. Some people thought he was a little spooky, but I always considered him a good employee to have around."

A co-worker who asked not to be identified says she "noticed a peculiar odor" and "some kind of fluid" around Turkleboum's desk on Thursday and Friday but decided "something in his trash basket was leaking or maybe he hadn't bathed that morning."

"I saw a silverfish on his desk but I was too embarrassed to say anything. All I could think was, 'How can people let their personal hygiene go like that?'"

Another colleague chimes in: "George was one of those people you see but you don't see. They aren't very friendly, and after the first few times you say 'Hi' or try to engage



PROOF OF DEATH: George Turkleboum worked as a proofreader for 30 years for the same company. When he died at his desk, his co-workers thought he was still hard at work!

'George was always the first guy in each morning and the last to leave at night,' boss Elliot Wachiaski told police!

A supervisor adds: "George was a loner for sure. He didn't have a wife, a girlfriend, any family, or even any friends that I'm aware of.

"So nobody on the outside would have noticed that he

his death that I hadn't even seen him get up to go to the rest room or get coffee.

"I just assumed he was working especially hard on the rather large text he was proofing."

books when he died, official reports say.

In fact, the reference book found open in his lap was a medical text that was open to a section on heart attack. Turkleboum's boss says he

Reviving the Stopped Heart

A cop who was among the first to arrive at the scene calls Turkleboum's death "bizarre."

"After three days or so these bodies start stinking up the place pretty bad, and they usually fall over," she says. "But this guy was propped perfectly upright.

"To tell you the truth, until I got close enough to smell him, I didn't think he was the

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Serena Sabak

Psychic sisters Serena & Sonya Sabak's Horoscope was so accurate it was frightening!

Sonya Sabak

Dear Editor,

Wow! I just read your big horoscope issue (*Weekly World News* May 20, 2003) and it was so accurate it was frightening. I am so impressed with those Sabak sister. I plan to save my horoscope and refer back to it all the time.

I'm a Gemini, just like Angelina Jolie. I always felt that she and I have a lot in common. We're both very creative.

My ex-husband is a Virgo, just like Jesse James. My ex was a snake and a rat, just like that nasty gunslinger.

Thank you, *Weekly World News*, for another great issue!

Maggie P.
Toronto, Canada

You're welcome, Maggie. Yes, those Sabak sisters did a great job on that summerfall horoscope. When Sonya and Serena put their psychic heads together, there's no telling what they can do!

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Dear Editor,

You are right as usual. Some people did make money during the Great Depression. Records show that the Chevy sold well, and kept General Motors out of the red. It was the hot-car specialists that went

bust here at least half a dozen fight clubs in the New York City area alone. And out of 16 Major League Baseball cities, not one went broke and kept their franchise.

Subscriber
Erie, Pa.

Apparently, there are three things people will always want: Cars, baseball, and illegal bare-knuckle boxing matches where guys beat the tar out of each other.

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Dear Sirs,

I read your story about the vanishing baby. I say it is not a ghost. One of the tricks that some in Heaven learn, so as to be able to defend themselves, is to make themselves both invisible and intangible. Most forget these skills when they are born.

We have had invisible gorgeons, snakes, elephants, tigers, lions, etc. The law of averages states we are past due to have an invisible baby or two. This child has super-memorized the process. Why he does not need to eat is a mystery. I suspect he is not aging and he has total mental control over his body.

I would not make him angry, for he is surely not half of a proverbial child.

N.B.
Rochester, N.Y.

We don't know if that baby is a ghost or an angel. But there's one thing we do know: When you have a baby who doesn't eat, you'll never have to change his diapers.

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Dear Editor,

I was in shock and awe when I saw the April 22, 2003, issue with a picture of Bat Boy taking a bite out of Saddam Hussein. Does he really eat human flesh?

THE BAT IN THE HAT is the world-famous Bat Boy

We used to listen to the Art Bell program on the radio. They had reports from Mexico about a strange creature, too. Do you think it might have been one of these strange creatures, too?

Does Bat Boy mate with bats, humans or creatures of his own kind? Or is he like a mule and unable to mate with horses, donkeys or other mules?

Do you think he will be able to mould with human society once the war is over?

Sandra M.
Bristow, Okla.

You never know where Bat Boy will end up now that the war in Iraq is over. Maybe he'll even go back to Mexico. We reported on his first trip there back in 2003, when he fell in with some shifty bandidos. As for your other question, Bat Boy is only 15 years old, so he hasn't had the chance to mate yet — but just wait a few years!

FIGHT CLUBS, like the one shown in the Brad Pitt movie, were popular during the Depression and are still a hit today.

Letter of the Week

LEATHER & LACE!

SUPERSTAR HALLE BERRY plays the leather-clad heroine Storm in the X-Men movies, but in real life she has the power to look good in anything she wears!

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CATCH THE MAN OF YOUR DREAMS IN 30 SECONDS FLAT!

DR. CYNTHIA Malloy demonstrates one of her eye-catching techniques.

By MARC BAYER

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — You can make any man fall in love with you in just 30 magical seconds, a fascinating new study shows.

All it takes, declares Dr. Cynthia Malloy, is a single glance or a simple gesture to bring Cupid on the fly.

The attractive scientist studied hundreds of men and women in social settings and found that savvy gals can pick, choose and hook the man they want simply by giving a few signals that drive the guys crazy.

"Within 30 seconds and frequently even sooner a woman can set the stage for a simple flirtation, friendship, love affair or marriage," declares Dr. Malloy, of the Advanced Sexology Institute of Stockholm.

"Don't be fooled by what you've heard about men taking the initiative. In fact, in the beginning stages of love, it's always women, not men, who make the first move.

"If you're looking for love, this is extremely important to know. As a man, you can watch for the signals and act upon them when you see them.

"If you are a woman, you can give the signals and then sit back and let the man come to you."

All it takes is the wink of an eye or a simple gesture, says doc!

Dr. Malloy says there's nothing fancy about the erotic body signaling that sets the stage for love. "All it takes is some eye contact to let a man know you're interested. Even a simple wink of an eye can do the trick."

A woman who is interested in a man should show her feelings by leaning forward, smiling and relaxing her body. Once his interest is piqued, she should toss her hair and place one hand behind her neck.

As the man's instincts and hormones kick in, the woman "can set the hook" by displaying open palms, tilting her head forward when talking and touching him on the knee.

"What's remarkable is how little men know about this sequence," continues the expert. "Of course, maybe that's why they find these moves so irresistible.

"From a woman's perspective, the purpose of these signals is to help the man find the courage to engage her more deeply, believing that he, not she, is making the first move, which is important to a man's ego.

"That's why a woman must signal until he gets the message loud and clear. If a man is unsure of her interest, he won't make his move.

"Men are terrified of rejection. That's why persistent women can catch any man they want simply by making the object of her desire feel comfortable

DEAD GRAMPS ATTENDS WEDDING

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Johannes Fransen may have been dead, but that didn't stop him from attending his granddaughter's wedding!

Fransen kicked the bucket while celebrating his 79th birthday. But his family decided he should still attend granddaughter Rachel Jones' wedding two days later, so they packed his body in an open coffin in the church during the ceremony.

During the wedding reception, the open casket was placed at the end of the hall.

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'God help us. Please help us. We

Over 200 shocked witnesses report . . .

MYSTERIOUS S.O.S. COMING FROM TITANIC

91 YEARS AFTER

are in the Titanic. We are alive.'

OSLO, Norway — Hundreds of sailors and scientists can't be wrong: Someone or something is sending an S.O.S. from the *Titanic*! Exactly 91 years after it slammed into an iceberg and sank to the bottom of the North Atlantic, the big ship is still sending out frantic radio calls.

By FRED NISSEN

The brief but chilling transmission is very faint, the Morse code sometimes garbled, but the central message, say those who have heard it, is loud and clear: "God help us. Please help us. We are in the *Titanic*. We are alive."

"Explain it? How the hell do you expect me to explain it?" Øivind Purgenset, captain of the Norwegian fishing vessel *Ross Skargun*, asked while talking with reporters after docking in Oslo.

"I examined the S.O.S. And I'm telling you, it was nobody's idea of a joke. When you've been around as long as I have, you know genuine terror when you see it.

"Somebody is alive in the Titanic. And whoever that somebody is wants out."

Maritime officials in Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands don't know what to make of the bizarre reports.

But they confirm that Purgenset isn't the only captain or sailor to report having received the S.O.S. while fishing where the Titanic plowed into an iceberg and sank like a stone on its maiden voyage in 1912.

They say that at least a dozen ships and more than 200 witnesses — including the crew of a research vessel that was scanning the wreckage of the Titanic with sonar and deep-diving cameras — have picked up the transmission since March 31.

And that is when the captain of a Dutch fishing boat reported receiving the frantic call for help six times in the span of two hours.

An account of the incident on file with the Rotterdam Port Authority indicates the ship returned to port "well ahead of schedule" and both the captain and the crew "obviously were rattled by the incident."

Marine biologist Dr. Goran Svensson was aboard a Swedish research vessel that also picked up the S.O.S.

"Our first thought was that we were the victims of a sick practical joke," he said in a newspaper account.

"But our equipment suggested otherwise. We traced the radio signal to the known location of the Titanic's radio room where it rests on the floor of the

DR. GORAN SVENSSON: Confirms S.O.S. signal is coming from *Titanic*.

'We traced the radio signal to the known location of *Titanic*'s radio room!'

"Whatever's going on down there is something that neither I nor anybody else can explain."

Paranormal experts have offered several possible theories for the radio signals.

1. There are still survivors on the ship.

2. This is a genuine, 91-year-old radio transmission from the Titanic that has just arrived in the year 2003 through some kind of time warp.

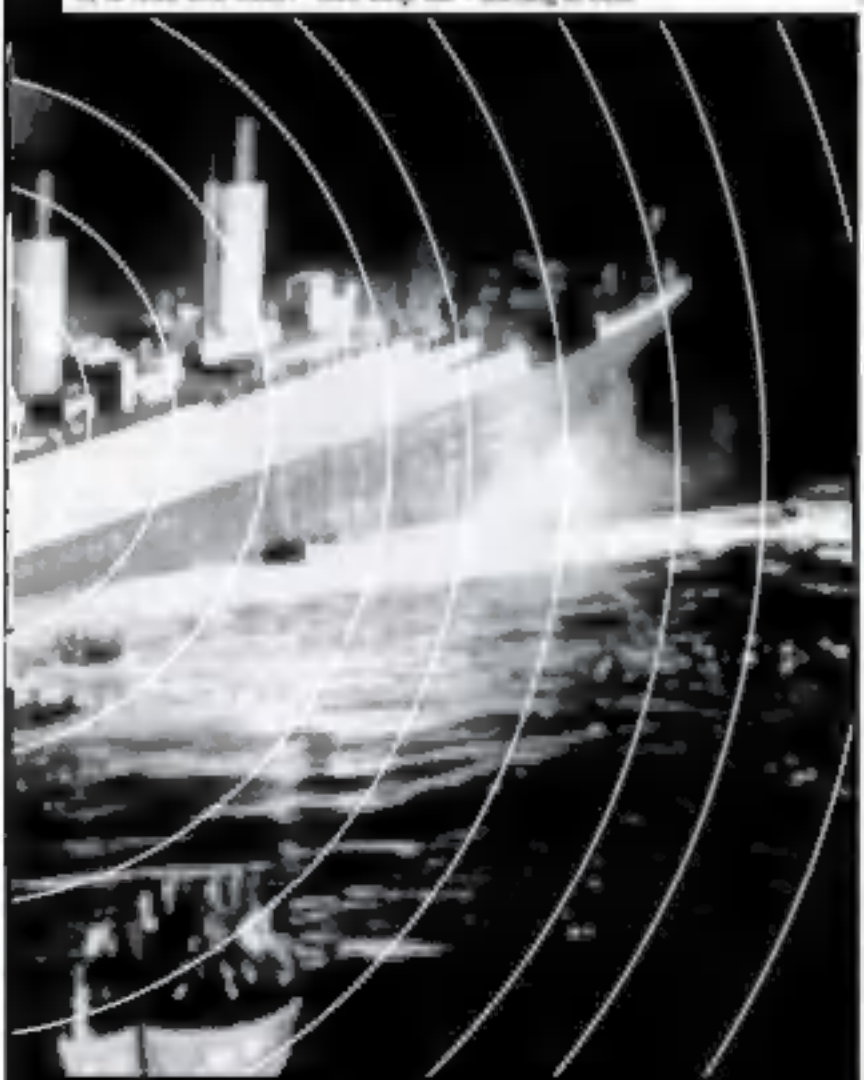
"The most credible idea to me is the time warp," says Svensson, adding that he doesn't rule out the possibility that there are survivors still inside the Titanic.

"It's icy cold down there, and it's possible a small group of people have somehow existed in a state of suspended animation.

"If that's the case, their agonized messages may be real radio signals — although that's unlikely because of the depth of water and the age of the ship's electrical system.

"Perhaps the signals are some kind of paranormal phenomenon. Or, it has even been suggested that a clever Internet hacker has found a way to originate a Titanic hoax.

"I hope not, since that would be a tasteless insult to the memory of those poor lost souls.



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THIS IS ONE POWERFUL POOCH

AMAZING ANIMAL 'TAILS!'

By KATE McCLARE Weekly World News

Japanese find new power in Panda poop!

TOKYO — A Japanese scientist says he may have a new source of electricity: Panda poop!

Fumiaki Taguchi, a professor at Kitasato University in Tokyo, says he and his research team have created a hydrogen fuel cell using panda feces.

Taguchi, who also is director of the energy company H.Japan, says he got the idea when he realized what a powerful digestive system pandas have. They may be the only animals on the planet who can digest tough bamboo leaves — which could help them produce waste hydrocarbons that create electricity.

Sure enough, the team found several microorganisms in the panda poop that are highly efficient at breaking down proteins and fats. He mixed them with raw garbage and created a potent brew of electricity-producing bacteria.

"For every 2.2 pounds of waste I can get about 30 gallons of hydrogen," Taguchi says. "It won't amount to much electricity, maybe enough to power the exit lamps in an entire building."

But it's a start, he says. "In the next year, we want to see if we can improve this."

Egret rides from Florida to Pennsylvania in front bumper of minivan

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A Florida bird took an 850-mile ride north with a family of tourists, who didn't know he was there, inside the front bumper of their minivan!

The egret rode all the way from Orlando, Fla., with the family, who had been visiting at the nation's theme park. They said they saw the bird's feathers fly when the collision occurred on their way because they assumed they'd killed the creature.

But the day after they got home, they found the egret — stuck inside the vehicle's bumper.

The bird had a broken leg and, unsurprisingly, was hungry and cranky after the unplanned trip north.

"Apart from that, he was in remarkably good condition," says a worker at the wildlife shelter where he was taken to recover.

EGGCY he be alive: the egret had road trip from the Florida home.

HE'S PULLED MORE THAN 5 TIMES HIS WEIGHT IN CANINE COMPETITIONS

LOVELAND, Colo. — Don't ever again pooh-pooh the poodle as a creampuff. Not after meeting Yipyip, a poodle with a powerful set of muscles.

He weighs only 10 pounds, but at a national competition he pulled five times that much all by himself!

Yipyip, owned by Louise and Morris Hyner of Wapato, Wash., wowed the crowds at the International Weight Pull Association championships in Loveland in April.

"He pulled 60 pounds," says Kelly Williams, spokeswoman for the IWPA, which had 133 dogs from around the country competing in power pulls.

"Fifty pounds is a lot of weight for a dog that size. He came up just short of some dogs that weighed 10 pounds more than he does.

"But a lot of us," she adds, "it's not how much they pull — it's that they do it at all."

Morris Hyner says Yipyip competes in three or four canine pulling contests a year. Most people don't take Yipyip seriously — until they see the gritty canine do his stuff.

Strapped into a yellow harness attached to his head, Yip yip braces down and pulls mightily.

Morris Hyner says the little guy just loves to pull.

"You can tell when a dog's enjoying himself," Hyner says. "He's ready to go. I say, 'Pull,' and he knows what to do."

YIPYIP gets a big hug from owner Louise Hyner as she and hubby Morris look on proudly.

SQUIRREL CHASES GIRL UP TREE

KRUMBACH, Germany — A little girl had to climb into the topmost branches of a tree to get away from a vicious attacker: A nasty little squirrel!

Firemen had to be called to rescue the terrified 10-year-old, who was unable to climb down after the squirrel finally left her alone.

The girl was picnicking in the woods with her family when the squirrel suddenly attacked her. She managed to get away, but the squirrel followed her.

"The squirrel may have regarded her as a rival, as they are very territorial at this time of year," guesses squirrel expert Walter Ravenig of the German Park Authority. "Or it may just have been protecting a store of nuts."

The little girl climbed a dizzying 30 feet before

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By MICHAEL CHIRON
Weekly World

GET OUT OF JAIL FREE!

Insider tips tell how YOU can survive a night in the slammer!

NEW YORK CITY — Make an innocent mistake like having "one for the road," and you could end up in jail for the night — and come out the AIDS-infected victim of gang rape, or even a bloody corpse with a shank between your ribs!

Here are 11 tips from ex-cons, prison guards and other jailhouse insiders that could save your butt — literally:

1 Never look at another prisoner for more than two seconds. He could be a walking time bomb easily set off by a "funny" stare. He may either beat you to a pulp on the spot or wait until you're asleep and strangle you in your bunk.

2 No matter how scared you are, steer clear of more-experienced inmates offering to take you under their wing and show you the ropes. These are what's known in jailhouse jargon as "booty bandits" — cunning homosexual predators who hope to use you in sickening ways before pimping you out to others.

3 Never order another prisoner to "quiet down" so you can sleep, tell someone to stop smoking, or make any other demands. Anti-social criminals resent being bossed around and are likely to respond with sudden violence.

4 Don't borrow anything, not even a cigarette offered by a "friendly" cell mate. This is a classic trap for green prisoners set by bullies who may later demand the right to pimp you out to pay your debt — and kill you if you refuse.

5 Always treat other prisoners with respect, regardless of how they look. That short, bald, pale "wimp" could be head of the local chapter of the Aryan Nation.

6 Don't gamble to pass the time, not even for cigarettes. See tip No. 4.

7 Never stick up for an obvious homosexual who's being picked on in the cell. Getting friendly with a jailhouse punk can get you killed by a jealous "husband."

8 Don't try to buddy up to guards or ask them for help. The only exception would be if medical care is absolutely necessary — say if a fellow prisoner has been stabbed. But even then, insist you didn't see how it actually happened. You just know someone's hurt.

9 Resist the urge to discuss your case. The biggest, baddest-looking dude in the cell "can be the biggest softie in the joint," a former prisoner warns.

10 Don't lie about why you were arrested. You may figure that boasting that you were busted for bank robbery instead of urinating in public will make you hero, but it probably won't work.

"There are no secrets in prison, especially about why you are there," one inmate wrongfully jailed for a sex crime reveals.

"You will be exposed. Then, any attempts to claim innocence will not be believed." It's better to volunteer no information to anyone, either cell mates or guards.

11 If you do get jamped, say absolutely nothing about who did it. Have it in writing when you're safely out on bail.

Or, better yet, wait until after your case is over and you have no chance of seeing these animals again.

AVOID "HELPFUL" cell mates. Unlike Hollywood movies like The Shawshank Redemption, jail is not the place to forge lasting friendships.

TINY GUN NOT FOR BIGSHOTS

YOU COULD conceal this weapon just about anywhere, but you won't do much damage with it. The teeny-tiny hand-gun fires only 2mm blanks and signal flares from its screw-on barrel. We wonder what size magnifying glass it takes to find the bullets when you're loading the thing. The pony pistol was left anonymously at a police station in Dorset, England, after an appeal to gun owners to turn in any illegal weapons. Somehow we don't think anyone was in much danger when this was on the streets!

SADDAM'S CHEMICAL WEAPONS FOUND IN CUBA

Mustard gas cigars already flooding Miami!

PAYBACK TIME? Castro is sitting pretty on a huge stockpile of made-in-Iraq weapons of mass destruction — and he's already using them in a treacherous attack on

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WWN EXCLUSIVE PHOTO

"Friends Saddam, right, sold his weapons of mass destruction to Fidel, left, to bankroll a "retirement" in luxury

[redacted] — CIA operatives desperately hunting for Saddam Hussein's missing weapons of mass destruction have reportedly turned up a huge cache of the terror arsenal — in communist Cuba!

Brutal strongman Fidel Castro is [redacted] to be one of [redacted] least 27 dangerous [redacted] terror chiefs and rebel [redacted] who purchased Iraq's [redacted] weapons at [redacted] gain-basement [redacted] in the [redacted] days of Saddam's regime.

"Our agents in Cuba confirm that Castro acquired the largest stash of anyone," reveals a CIA source. "Satellite photos show his stockpile.

"He now has literally hundreds of large tanks of deadly nerve agents such as sarin, CX and mustard gas, as well as anthrax, smallpox and other toxins. Officially, they were bought for Cuban 'national security.' But it's hard to imagine how these weapons could be used defensively.

"Our fear is that he plans to use them against America, and in particular to take vengeance against members of the Cuban exile community in Miami who have been struggling to bring down his regime for decades."

By MIGUEL FIGUEROA
Weekly World News

And horrifying evidence that the CIA's worst fears are already being realized have surfaced in Miami, where a cache of mustard gas [redacted] was uncovered [redacted] house of a suspected Castro agent.

COUNTER-TERRORism expert Bill Mitchell

"The cigars came directly from Cuba and were headed for distribution among leaders of the Cuban-American community," reveals the source, who says the May 6 raid was conducted by a joint CIA-FBI task force.

"When lit, the cigars release enough trapped mustard gas to kill whoever is unlucky enough to smoke them — in a terrible and agonizing way."

And Cuban exile bigwigs, who can't resist and uniquely favorite cigars from their homeland, probably aren't Fidel's only targets.

"Remember, many of America's top political leaders and titans of industry are aficionados of Cuban cigars, which are difficult to obtain because of the embargo," the source notes.

"A U.S. website hostile to Cuba may receive a box of these cigars from an anonymous 'supporter.' Light one up and then how's your denial."

The U.S. has been conducting a frantic search for Saddam's weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) ever since the triumphant success of Operation Iraqi Freedom. But the discovery of one empty lab, bunker and mobile biological weapons factory after another has led many to suspect to hear that the majority of the weapons are no longer in Iraq.

"At first, our concern was that Iraqi personnel responsible for overseeing these weapons systems like ants when the Coalition invaded, and were taking the biological and chemical agents with them," says the CIA insider.

"The nightmare scenario seemed to be that high-ranking Iraqi army officers and Ba'ath Party officials escaped across the border into Syria and Iran with truckloads of this stuff — then used it to bargain for their lives with fanatical terrorist groups.

"But it turns out the situation is even worse. We're talking about chemical and biological weapons deployed just 90 miles off the U.S. coast."

The CIA source reveals that most of the weapons flooded out of Iraq weeks before the war, sold by greedy Saddam to fund his "retirement."

"He had to get rid of the weapons fast to avoid an increasingly intrusive U.N. inspections — and convince them all to regime nations and terrorist groups was the easiest way to do it," explains the source.

"Since the weapons were going at fire-sale prices, many went to obscure rebel groups in tiny countries that couldn't have afforded WMDs before. But Castro, who had the biggest bankroll, got the lion's share."

The CIA refuses to publicly confirm or deny the alarming claim. And the president won't comment until "until he sees the evidence." However, off the record, administration sources concede that the commander-in-chief is "deeply concerned" that Cuba may be stockpiling made-in-Iraq weaponry.

This isn't the first time Castro has been in a position to threaten the United States with weapons of mass destruction. Back in 1962, the Cuban [redacted] Missile Crisis [redacted] when the bearded tyrant allowed the Soviet Union to station nukes on his island nation.

"Those weapons were removed — and part of the bargain that defused the crisis was a secret agreement by the U.S. not to launch another Bay of Pigs-like invasion against Castro," Mustanil of Miami.

"But if this report is accurate, America may have to break that promise and preemptively strike Fidel. We must disarm him of these horrible weapons and liberate his people from the rule of a dangerous madman."

U.S. TROOPS may have to invade Cuba.

COVETED Cuban cigars from Havana won't just [illegible]

BLOCKBUSTER DISCOVERY

Iraq's nukes are in

FOXES & FOSSILS

HOLLYWOOD — The hottest trend in Tinseltown these days is older men dating, and in some cases, marrying and even making babies with much younger gals.

May-December romances have long been a Hollywood staple, but these days, it seems every aging actor has got some hot young eye candy by his side.

Here are some of the more popular unconventional couples.

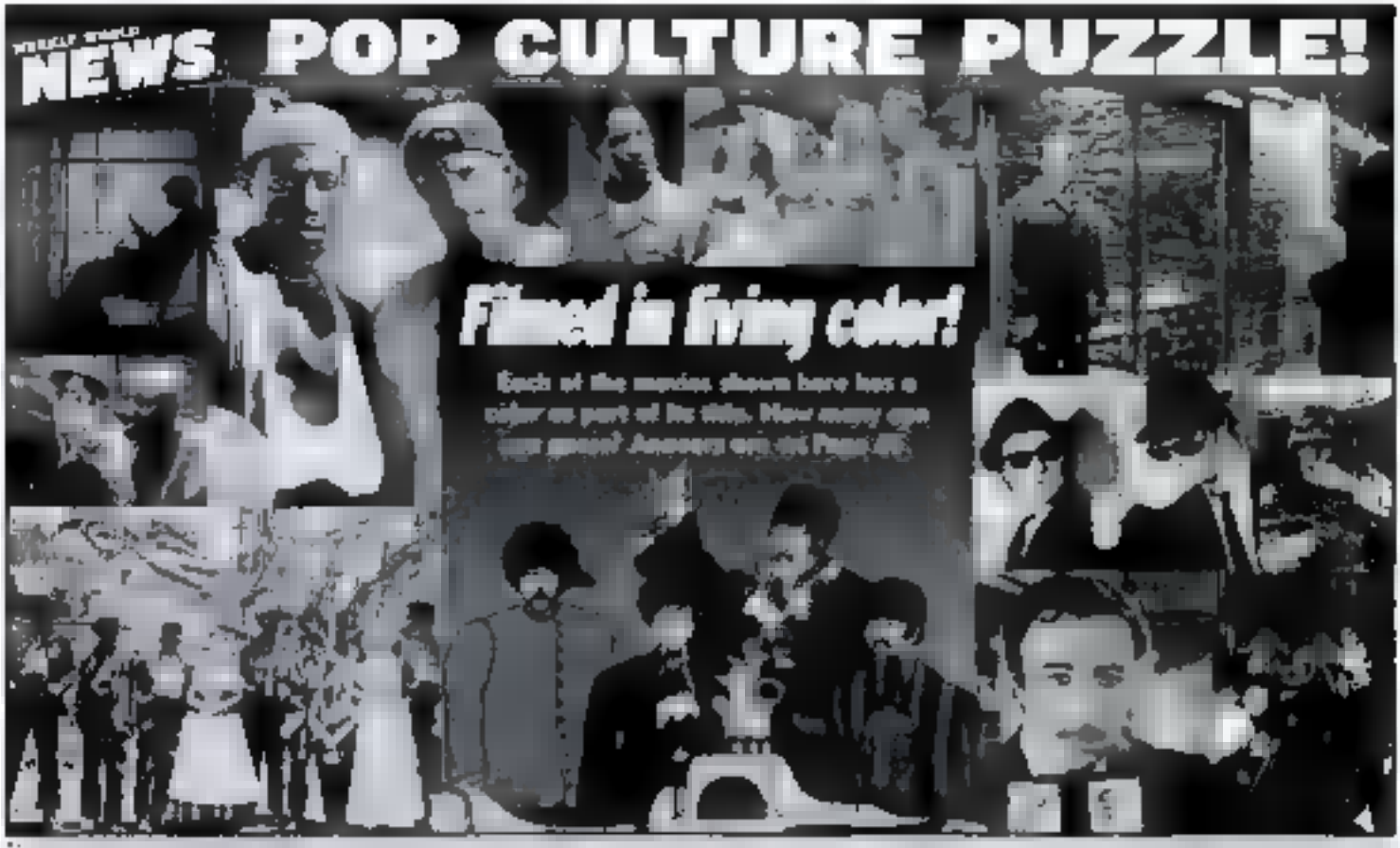
HARRISON FORD AND CALISTA FLOCKHART: Ford separated from his wife of 16 years, Melissa Mathison, in 2001, then met Ally McBeal star Calista at the Golden Globes in January, 2002. They've been almost inseparable ever since. There are even rumors that Ford, 61, is inserting us a part for Flockhart, 37, in the fourth Indiana Jones movie.

MICHAEL DOUGLAS AND CATHERINE ZETA-JONES: They met in 1999 at a French film festival, where he reportedly told her, "I want to be the father of your children." The couple came from a short time later, when the couple had a baby, then married in November 2000 and had another baby. Three years later, Douglas, 59, is a full 25 years older than his wife, 34.

TONY CURTIS AND JILL VANDENBURG: They say opposites like a hot Hollywood heartthrob Tony Curtis apparently likes a young! Curtis' FIFTH wife, Jill Vandenburg, is a full 45 years younger than he is. Curtis, 77, married Vandenburg, 32, in a ceremony at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas in 1998. Curtis' daughter Jamie Lee is 14 years older than his wife.

TONY RANDALL AND HEATHER HARLAN: The former Odd Couple star is a whopping 50 years older than his wife Randall, 80, met Harlan, 30, when she was working as a member of the National Actors Theatre. The two were married in 1995 by New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, and Randall became a father for the first time at

HUGH HEFNER AND HIS SEVEN GIRLFRIENDS: Playboy founder Hefner has seven girlfriends: Cathi O'Malley, Buffy Tyler, Tina Jordan, Tiffany Holliday, Stephanie Hedericks, Elizabeth Stanfield and Regina Lawson. The gals in the "Hef Team" are all blonde, busty beauties — and usually under 30, similar



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ARAB GIRLS GONE WILD!

THE MINI BURQA

It's the hottest new thing in Middle East fashion!

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Butt-hugging "mini burqas" are red-hot in the Middle East, where women who used to live in terror of showing so much as an ankle in public are now hoisting their skirts to what one newspaper calls "the red zone" and another calls "high heaven!"

And if you think traditional Muslim garb can't possibly be sexy, just feast your eyes on the girl to the left. She still has her upper body completely covered -- but from the hips down she's as free as any American girl.

"For the first time in centuries," gushes Saudi fashion maven Iyad Nafie, "it's show time."

"It's a stunning new look that's taking the Arab world by storm," declares Nafie, fashion editor of Saudi Arabia's respected Al Riyadh newspaper.

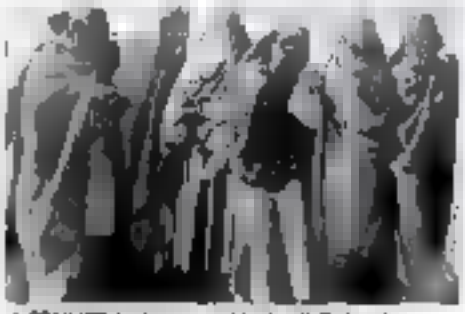
"It's not difficult to see why," he explains. "Feminine curves are something that we Muslims have been deprived of enjoying in public places.

"Now we are like everybody else in the world. Now our ladies can enjoy showing off their bodies. Now our men can enjoy the ladies without having to marry one to see what's happening under all the clothing."

Nobody knows exactly when or where the wild new look got started. But some fashion experts say it's been just a matter of weeks since women started flaunting mini- and mini-to-no burqas in major cities throughout the Middle East.

Some link the trend to America's quick and decisive victory over Saddam Hussein's Iraq. The crushing blow seems to have convinced many Muslims that skin- and flesh-baring Western culture — including Western fashions — is superior to their own.

Concerned Islamic holy men estimate that as many as 300,000 women in Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Palestine, Iraq, Iran, Syria and even Pakistan have lifted their hemlines in defiance of Islamic



A PEKAMPT fashion trend is afoot! Old-style burqas are on their way out, says a fashion critic.

They also admit that they are powerless to stop the trend unless and until governments in predominantly Islamic countries agree to enforce Islamic law or at least "turn their heads" while mobs of wild-eyed fundamentalists beat or kill women in mini burqas.

Jasmine Nasib, 23, lifted the hem of her burqa to head-ratchet ing inches — from just above the ankle of her foot to just below the crease formed where her buttocks meet her thighs.

"For the first time in my life, I feel like a real woman — sensual and vital," she gushes.

"For the first time in my life, men look at me with de-

FASHION EDITOR Iyad Nafie

sire. I like it very much.

"But I still wear my veil," she adds coyly. "A girl doesn't want to show too much."

Jamal Pelbout, who owns a small bakery shop in Damascus, Syria, says he forbids his wife and daughters to make the hemlines of their burqas.

"They told me to 'get lost,'" he chuckles. "This is not the world I grew up in."

In Lahore, Pakistan, old fashioned mother-of-six Miri Manashra, 44, couldn't agree more.

"These girls are trying to look like American women," she tells a reporter. "And American women dress like the Devil."

Why we knock on wood

MANY superstitious people, even those a little bit superstitious, like to "knock on wood" to prevent themselves from bad luck. But why "knock on wood" for this purpose?

ALLAH

LUSTY GALS STRIP DOWN SHOCKED COP!

JERUSALEM — A cop investigating a noisy bachelorette party got more than he bargained for when he was mistaken for a male stripper, had his uniform ripped off and was groped.

"The women had ordered a stripper dressed as a police officer," police spokesman Gil Kleiman told reporters.

The unarmed and red-faced policeman protested vigorously and flashed his badge, but the drunken revelers assumed this was part of the act and went on stripping off his clothes.

One especially aggressive lady acted as ringleader. "She took off my shirt and untied my shoelaces," the shaken officer told the Israeli newspaper *Yedioth Ahronoth*. "She started stroking me and called on her friends to join in."

The frazzled lawman was finally rescued when his partner arrived and confirmed his identity.

WILL O.J. COVER ROBERT BLAKE'S MURDER TRIAL?

LOS ANGELES — When you tune in to the murder trial of Robert "Baretta" Blake, you may notice a familiar face providing colorful commentary — O.J. Simpson.

The former sports commentator and murder suspect says he's been contacted by television execs trying to recruit him to help cover the high-profile courtroom drama.

Juice won't reveal which outlets have approached him, but says he would "love to do it."

Smooth-talking Simpson, who's relaxed and comfortable in front of the camera, might really be a natural for the job — as he puts it, he has "a lot of insight" into murder trials.

NAKED PILOTS IN THE COCKPIT

DALLAS — A shocked passenger was summoned to the cockpit of a passenger jet and found the pilots naturally naked.

The nonplussed flyboys stripped out of their uniforms on a playful pass, but Southwest Airlines officials were not amused and fired the skin-darting duo.

"After an investigation the two pilots were terminated by inappropriate conduct," says Southwest spokeswoman Ginger Hardage. The unnamed pilots have appealed

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PARTNERS FOR LIFE

How to make your marriage a lifelong honeymoon!

REGULARLY relieving your [illegible] of [illegible] through [illegible] is one way to enhance a relationship.

By MAX CASE
Weekly World News

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Stuck in a love rut? You can rekindle the flames of passion with the red-hot advice of one of the nation's top sexperts.

"We're all familiar with the 50 ways to leave your lover — but why give up on a relationship just because it's not as fun, romantic and exciting as it used to be?" says Dr. Donna Schoenfeldt [illegible], whose new book, *Partners for Life — [illegible] Ways to Keep Your Love Honeymoon Fresh Forever*, is guaranteed to keep the home fires burning.

"In this day and age we are faced with alarming statistics that tell us over half of all marriages and virtually all [illegible] love affairs are doomed to fail before they even start.

"If we expect to beat the odds, we have to tend to our relationships in the same way that we care for a garden or nurture a child.

"Instead of looking for the next new thing, we should look at ways to hold on to what we've got and make it better than ever.

"Why break up when you can make up?"

DR. DONNA Schoenfeldt

Dr. Schoenfeldt has authored several books, including [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible].

She also writes [illegible] [illegible] newsletter [illegible] health and advice [illegible] [illegible].

Partners for Life — [illegible] Ways to Keep Your Love Honeymoon Fresh Forever is slated to hit stores later this month. But here — exclusively for Weekly World News readers, is a sneak peek at some simple strategies her patients use to keep their own [illegible] relationships from dying on the vine.

"Feel free to use as many as you like," says Schoenfeldt. "This is a game you can win if you try hard enough."

PREPARING and serving your [illegible]

10 WAYS TO LIVE AND LOVE [illegible] NEWLYWEDS!

The following [illegible] of helpful hints [illegible] Schoenfeldt's [illegible] book, *Partners for Life — [illegible] Ways to Keep Your Love Honeymoon Fresh Forever*:

[illegible]

KEEP the honeymoon going with these tips

[illegible] — and don't stop [illegible] "I love you," [illegible]

My America

BY ED ANGER

ED ANGER SAYS, LET'S ELECT JEB BUSH FOR PREZ IN 2008

I'm madder than a Dixie Chick at a Bush family barbecue at all these dumb dodo Demo-rats who have the nerve to run against our president!

Since my wife Thelma Jean and I were passing through South Carolina anyway, we went to see that debate in Columbia between the nine Democrat candidates — and as far as I'm concerned, not one of that sorry bunch of dweebs and losers is fit to iron our commander-in-chief's flight suit.

That [illegible] Al Sharpton looked like James Brown having a bad hair day, for cryin' out loud. And Al Gore's former sidekick, Bob-ert-than-thou Joe Lieberman, is so boring he makes he old bore look like the Energizer Bunny.

Let's face it, folks. We all know that Hillary is going to be nominated. Quite frankly, I don't see why we're even bothering to waste taxpayer money holding an election or setting up good TV ads with campaign ads. The only folks I know who won't be voting to reelect the hero of Operation Iraqi Freedom are the crazy neighbors who voted [illegible] ...

That's why while the rest of the pundits will spend the next year and a half yakking about the 2008 presidential race, I'm not going to waste another drop of ink. I'm jumping clear to 2008 and putting on my endorsement cone.

I'm backing the commander-in-chief's kid brother Jeb Bush for president in 2008. That makes three. Truly the best guy on the ticket.

. . . and keep the party going, by jiminy!

Jeb has chosen.

The way I see it, the first Jeb President Bush have done a mighty fine job for America. Why not just keep the dream going, by jiminy?

Here are more reasons why I'm endorsing Florida Gov. Jeb Bush:

1. He's a self-made millionaire just like his pa and grandpappy before him. That kind of real-world business experience is bound to come in handy when he has to run the economy, same as it has the guys at great ol' Exxon.

2. He can win the state of Florida — which, y'all remember, happens to be more important than if you pick up more votes than the other guy.

3. He's got the political smarts to get elected president.

4. He's led the fight against lawsuit affirmative action in his state. He believes people should get into college the old fashioned way. Hard work, good grades and solid recommendations from your alumni relatives.

5. His wife Columba is a real woman. She's the one who got caught at the airport trying to smuggle clothes and jewelry into the country. Folks, that means we're talking about a first lady who'll spend her time shopping, her outfits be diplomatic hells and redecorating the White House — not trying to run the whole goldurned country like that amazon freak Hillary Clinton.

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM: Let's have

When he says 'take a seat,' be careful!

Artist turns living women – into furniture!

By DAVID DURICA
Weekly World News

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — If you're in the market for new furniture but you want something unusual, an artist named Gord has some offbeat seats you may want to plant your fanny on — they're made from living people! These furnishings were displayed recently at a quirky store on L.A.'s famous Sunset Boulevard.

The creations describes his human sculptures as "the ultimate in artistic expression." According to Gord, "Over the centuries, many magnificent artists and sculptors of female form struggled to capture the essence of womanhood. They were using the wrong materials."

While the storied Boulevard show featured only his living objects, Gord's work also includes tables, lamps, bookends, and even bookcases — each a human

GORD, the artist who employs these funky furnishings, tries out one of his creations. He says they're "the ultimate in artistic expression."

THIS LOVELY BLONDE looks ready. Maybe she'd like to make plans with the woman she's sitting on.

[illegible] made of three daring girls.

Gord says he's cashing in on a trend that dates back to the Renaissance.

The sculptures were at a contemporary art exhibition, [illegible] there had been [illegible] of interest.

Although you wouldn't think most women would want to be objects used for the pleasure of others, Gord says he doesn't have to work too hard for models. "I've had lots [illegible] of the time. Looking and wishing such a woman may wear a bra under her blouse

[illegible] have [illegible] small chairs with the weight they deserve."

While his human chairs have good looks, they do have their limits. "If one weighs 90 pounds, and the woman on it weighs 130 pounds, it isn't a good idea to test your newly weighed-on self, as she will not be able to breathe."

And for you home-handyman pondering the idea of making your own wife or girlfriend into furniture, Gord advises: "I do not recommend anyone to try any of this unless you are an expert."

Criminals get last laugh at this prison

BANGKOK, Thailand — Prison officials made doing time a little more fun for hardened criminals by sponsoring a laughter contest!

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By Gary James

Please, if life has been unkind to you, if you need money, if you have unfulfilled dreams, if you are in ill health or if you need help of any kind, please read on. This announcement was meant for you! An incredible woman with amazing powers wants to use her phenomenal gifts to eliminate the barriers that are preventing you from achieving your 2 most precious dreams.

If you are willing to place your trust in someone very special and very wonderful, the help you need to overcome the problems that have been preventing you from finding happiness [illegible] could be as close as your nearest mailbox.

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Having spent most of her life using her extraordinary powers to bring riches, love, and personal fulfillment to those who could afford the fees, she now wants to make her astounding powers available to everyone reading this announcement who desires help **completely and absolutely free of charge.**

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Indeed, sending in your coupon could be the beginning of the biggest celebration of your life. A celebration of your victory over the bad luck and the obstacles that have been keeping you from having the kind of life you always thought you should have.

I am sure with this woman's psychic help and guidance, realizing your 2 most [illegible] success and bring fantastic good fortune. These talismans were created for a long thousands of years ago and possess enormous power. I am sure if you put your trust in them, they will bring you the same kind of luck and good fortune they brought to all those who believed in their powers.

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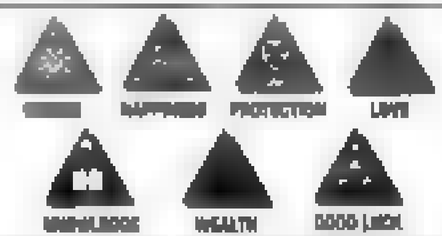

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In addition, this very loving and caring lady wants me to send you two of her seven extremely powerful talismans that she has used herself and given to others who needed help to heal afflictions, bring happiness, acquire riches, gain knowledge, attract love, achieve [illegible] secret incantation that will empower your talismans. Soon after your life should begin to change. And if you act by midnight, you will also receive two of the seven most powerful talismans ever created – **absolutely FREE!**

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THIS COUPLE is wanted for a series of bank robberies dating back to 1997, in which the robbers stole the funds and hit up their terrified victims before leaving the vault.

The FBI says the snobby Bonnie and Clyde have hit banks throughout the Pacific Northwest and in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. The duo (whose fashion tastes and Polaroid speed questionable) love stealing cash from banks before robbing it, and have stolen with an armed takeover or about the time the bank opens or closes. During the robberies, they wear disguises and are extremely violent in communications with partners outside the bank.

The 28-year-old Carlotta is 5-foot-4, weighs 130 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes. She has tattoos on her back and her left leg, and her nickname is pierced.

Polishook is in his early 40s, is 6 feet tall and weighs 180 pounds. He has blue eyes, light brown hair, and a scar on his abdomen. He has worked as a shop teacher at stores on the Internet.

The FBI says both Carlotta and Polishook are cold commandos who like to hang out at old movies and karate clubs.

They should be considered armed and dangerous.

Call your local FBI office with information or visit www.fbi.gov

MAN KILLS STORE CLERK

— for putting too much sugar in his coffee, say cops!

CHICAGO — A customer shot and killed a counter clerk at a doughnut shop, and authorities said cops say he did it because his coffee was too sweet!

"He just felt that the victim had it out for him," Chicago Police Chief Lee Epplen told reporters. "He felt like the victim targeted him by improperly filling his order."

Cops arrested Alfredo Natal, 48, and charged him with the murder of Salvador Dave at Italian [illegible] managed what was said to be at the doughnut shop where he'd worked for three years.

They say Natal had had a dispute with Dave two [illegible] earlier. Natal thought Dave had overcharged one of Natal's friends. Natal complained and got back some of his money, police say.

On several more visits [illegible] Natal became [illegible] that Dave was getting revenge for the complaint by overserving Natal's coffee.

"He said Dave got everybody else's order right, but [illegible] doing his wrong," Epplen said.

So Natal returned to the shop early one morning and shot Dave Epplen says.

He says Dave's wife was pregnant at the time of the shooting.

The sad irony to the tragic is that until the shooting, according to Epplen, Natal had never been in trouble with the law as an adult.

He worked two jobs to support his five children, sources say.

Crew robber mocked on human hearts, say cops

[illegible]

DOPE [illegible]

OOPS! Dope drops dope in front of judge!

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Some [illegible] minor traffic offenses earned [illegible] nine days in jail for a guy who brought a marijuana joint into court!

Ruben Larkin, 18, was in Eddy County Magistrate's Court for driving with a suspended license and failing to [illegible] his car registration, sources say he removed his [illegible] when the police entered [illegible]

Magistrate Walter Hart ordered Larkin to jail for contempt of court.

Ironically, Larkin wasn't punished for the offenses that brought him to court in the first [illegible]

CRIME BLOTTER

MIAMI BEACH — Two thieves were caught robbing a woman in her home, because she broadcast the whole thing on the Internet!

Cops say the duo broke into the 33-year-old woman's home in Alexandria, Brazil, while she was in an Internet chat room — and they didn't know she was transmitting images on her Web camera. A friend in Uruguay saw the robbery and called the cops, who live in Amsterdam. The cops called police, who got to the victim's home in time to bust the bad guys.

[illegible] — Hoodlum thieves stole toys and musical equipment from the children's ward of a hospital! Police think someone broke into a locked play room at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Hexham, England, and removed the goods by passing them through a window. "Despicable," says a police spokesperson.

[illegible] — Three teenagers broke into a grave, stole a human skull and then played football with it, cops say! Even worse, they painted the skull black and scribbled pop-song lyrics all over it. "They had no shame," says a spokesman for police in Teignbridge, Devonshire, who have charged the young ghouls with desecrating a tomb.

[illegible] — A judge is accused of forcing women to work as prostitutes in his home! Police prosecutors say the judge made more than $200 a week with the sleazy arrangement, and threatened to throw the women out on the street if they didn't go along. The judge admits he made "a lot of money" with the women, but denies having them turn tricks.

[illegible] — Hoodlums had to deal with a jail [illegible] this time it was crooks breaking into prison! The [illegible] crooked into the Spring Hill minimum-security prison and vandalized and stole $1,000 from a safe.

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By VINCENZO SARDI

COVER-UP SHOCKER!

CHINA'S PRESIDENT INFECTED WITH SARS

Chinese President Hu Jintao was diagnosed with SARS in March and has been battling the disease ever since.

BEIJING — Chinese President [redacted] Jintao has called passionately for a "people's war" against SARS — and the Commie bigwig has good reason to [redacted] the killer disease that has ravaged his nation personally: He's infected with the deadly, flu-like ailment, too!

That's the [redacted]-ing revelation of a top infectious-disease specialist who claims he treated Hu for SARS just weeks ago.

"This is why the Chinese government has worked so hard to cover up the prevalence of the disease on the mainland — telling the World Health Organization there were only a few dozen cases while knowing there were really [redacted]," asserts Dr. Wu Fong, who fled the country and broke the news before a group of medical researchers in Singapore on May 3.

"In China, health is equated with moral strength. For the president, who is also head of the Communist Party, to say he is deathly ill of a contagious disease would be an admission of weakness. He would have lost face.

"So he ordered a cover-up, not only hiding his own medical condition, but denying that China had a SARS problem at all. The tragic result of this has been that the epidemic has been allowed to spread like wildfire in Beijing and throughout the countryside, among innocent people who weren't warned about SARS and did nothing to protect themselves."

According to the medical expert, however, the prognosis for physicians who've been working to save Hu's life isn't so rosy. The doctor claims that doctors who've treated Hu are being executed when they no longer serve a useful purpose.

"The president had his personal physician of 14 years arrested on a bogus espionage charge and shot — after he helped to make the diagnosis — just to ensure that his medical secret would be safe," reveals Dr. Wu.

"As a specialist brought in later, I had a bit more time, but I saw which way the wind was blowing and I escaped with my family the first chance I got."

A spokesman for the Chinese embassy calls the story "a vicious lie."

Does [redacted] against virus — as death [redacted] surges!

BATTLING THE BUG. Chinese doctors are working feverishly to stop the spread of SARS.

According to the medical team, Hu was diagnosed with SARS in March and has been battling the disease ever since, with at least 36 doctors assigned exclusively to his round-the-clock care.

"He presented with all the classic symptoms of the disease: Fever, shortness of breath, coughing, chills and body aches," Dr. Wu says.

The 60-year-old leader's prospects of recovery are "excellent," according to the

HAVE YOU BEEN "COFFIN" LATELY?

U.S. Approves Force in Detaining Possible SARS Carriers

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Dear Dotti

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN ADVICE COLUMNIST

My 350-lb. neighbor looks like a beached whale when she sunbathes in the nude

Dear Dotti: My neighbor likes to sunbathe in the nude. This would be O.K. with me except [illegible] pounds [illegible] looks like a beached orca. There is no [illegible] between our properties so I have to look at her out there every day. Whenever she waves at me, I want to puke. What should I do, Dotti? — Nauseated in Lantana

Dear Nauseated: Once again I have to tell myself my head numbers 8-billion-plus and I am not alone. Don't you people ever learn?

My wife wants to return to our hippie lifestyle

Dear Dotti: My wife and I were married in 1969. We met while hitchhiking to Woodstock. For our 30th anniversary, she wants to sell our house and cars and hitchhike across the country just like we did when we were younger. I tell her she's nuts, but she is dead serious about this. I'm not a hippie any more. Dotti, I like my house and my cars and just want to age gracefully. How can I talk her out of this craziness? — Retired in Laguna Beach

Dear Retired: Tell her she can hitchhike to the moon for all I give a flying fart. Grow up and stop living in a fantasy world.

My husband's friends want to come over and party every night

Dear Dotti: My husband's friends always show up at our door at all hours of the day and night, smoking dope, harassing women and sleeping on our couch and floor for days on end. They never clean up after themselves, and when our beers, comfort stores or wives to take his place. Jerry says that they're his friends and I should just butt out. I'm tired of having to deal with this. What can I do, Dotti? — Desperate in Manchester

Dear Desperate: Start telling your husband that you are opening a [illegible] and [illegible]

there, with your hands after that.

He's 'hot for teacher'

Dear Dotti: I am 17 years old and I think my remedial-math teacher is coming on to me. She's about 25 years old and really hot. She's always asking me to stay after class. She gives me books to read, and asks me to write extra papers. I really think she wants me. What do you think? — Study Slave in Little Rock

Dear Study Slave: It's possible she does see you, but there's another possibility you might not have considered. Maybe she's trying to do her job.

You keep ignoring me, Dotti!

Dear Dotti: This is the 13th time I've written you in the past three months. The other 12 times my letters were ignored so maybe you'll see fit to stop whatever the hell you do there all day and answer my question once and for all: Is it true that I could go to federal prison for leaving the tag from my mattress? — Worried in Schenectady

Dear Worried: I'll save you some stamps and answer your question once and for all. If you're a mattress salesman, yes. If you're just a ruthless asshole, which you were, to be, no.

My husband keeps giving away all his money!

Dear Dotti: My husband is the nicest man on the face of the Earth and he means well, but he's driving us into the poorhouse. You see he makes only a modest living and every Friday after he cashes his paycheck, he gives all his money away to homeless people that he meets on the street. He will actually stand in an alley and pass out bills until his wallet is empty. We are struggling to pay our bills as it is. How can I talk some sense into him? — Worried in Rockford

Dear Worried: Forget it. Your best bet now is to be one of those people standing in the alley holding his money. Maybe you'll get your paycheck back.

I'm in [illegible] with Madonna!

Dear Dotti: I'm 43 and I work in a gas station. I'm hopelessly in love with Madonna. I figure if I write her lots of letters and send her pictures, someday she'll be mine. Do you think I've got a shot? — Gas Man in Boise

Dear Gas Man: The only reason you'll ever have with Madonna is when she sends you a [illegible] order. Forget it.

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Boat's End in The Bronx: Try talking to him first, and if that doesn't work, hit him in the head with a brick.

Dear Hurtin' Wife in Virginia Beach: Haven't you ever heard of prenup?

Dear Starvin' Marvin in Hollywood: If you haven't made it yet, you never will. I'd tell you not to quit your day job, but you need to get one first.

Dear Here in Cicero: You're not a hero if you're the one who started the fire in the first place.

Dear Sailor in England: Why would Christ ever pick a place like Second Samoan to stage His Second Coming? It's [illegible]

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

HANDY WOMAN

Abbie Alice is more than just a pretty face — she's also handy around the house. The 5-foot-9-inch, 135-pound beauty proudly boasts, "I bought a miter saw and put up my own crown moldings." How about that, guys, she looks [illegible]

By KITTY FINE

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World's "BIGGEST" beauty

BIG DREAMS: A contestant gets on her best walk before heading onstage to perform a dance routine at the pageant.

WELL-ROUNDED: The competitors worked hard to show their singing and dancing talents in pursuit of the Miss Jumbo Queen title. Apparently the stage was reinforced with high-strength materials to accommodate the hefty honeys — as there were no injuries reported.

FATSOS strut their stuff in a dance competition. We're trying not to imagine what the swimsuit parade would look like.

FULL COVERAGE: A contestant gets covered with glitter hair spray before her performance. Let's hope she got the hair spray supplier to give her a volume discount!

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pageant!

NAKHON PATHON, Thailand — Dozens [redacted] behemoths took the stage and strutted [redacted] supersized stuff [redacted] the world's biggest beauty pageant, which rewards women for packing on the pounds: The Miss Jumbo contest!

[redacted] heavyweight pageant is a lighthearted way of promoting the serious issue of elephant conservation, by crowning the contestant who most resembles an elephant. A lot of women would cringe at such a comparison, but the big beauties of Miss Jumbo are good sports — and have tons of fun going for the title.

This year's title winner, 25-year-old Nongnuch Payngulasorn, weighed in at a mere 209 pounds — practically anorexic when compared to last year's 661-pound record breaker.

Nongnuch is also dwarfed by the gargantuan gal who took the pageant's special title of heaviest contestant: 25-year-old Supaporn Dangkhair, who weighs a scale-busting 349.4 pounds.

But Miss Jumbo's not just about being a pretty face on a bloated body. The pageant is a celebration of the elephant's grace and elegance, and contestants must display the same beauty and poise as they sing, dance and parade in glamorous costumes.

The first-place prize is fairly small as beauty pageants go: A mere $1,163.

But the winner also gets to chow down at the Jumbo Banquet, a fruit [redacted] for the elephants of the local province.

The winner. Congratulations to Miss Jumbo Queen 2003, Nongnuch Payngulasorn — shown here just after learning of her victory. The 25-year-old nurse, who weighs a hefty 209 pounds, was the eighth annual crown after judges decided she most personified the grace and elegance of the elephant. That's a compliment, by the way.

EXTRA-LARGE EXCITEMENT: Cresting the scales at a whopping 349.8 pounds, 23-year-old Supaporn Dangkhair happily holds her trophy as winner of the pageant's heaviest-contestant title. Somewhere in Thailand right now, a chubby little girl is dreaming of beating Supaporn's record someday — and someone had better step her before she tries!

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READY MADE MEDIA

BATTLE FOR 'BABY TUT'

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS first reported the birth of the mummy's baby in our January 28, 2003, edition. News of the shocking event stunned the medical community.

Janitor who fathered mummy's baby says . . . 'I want custody of my child!'

CAIRO — Disgraced museum janitor Dodi Sitar, who was jailed for allegedly impregnating a 3,000-year-old mummy, has embarked on a crusade to gain both his freedom and full custody of the amazing miracle baby!

"I want to raise my son — a boy's place is with his father," Sitar declared in an exclusive jailhouse interview. "I am an innocent man and I will fight for custody of my child."

It was on January 3 that Egyptian doctors delivered the live baby boy by C-section from the womb of the woman who was preserved in a unique and still-unknown manner, as WWN reported. Named Tut by doctors, the infant was whisked off to a government research facility just days later.

TUT THE TOT.
First photo of baby born to mummy, taken just hours after the historic birth occurred on January 2, 2003.

JAILED: Custodian Dodi Sitar faces criminal charges for fling with mummy.

Now Sitar is fighting felony charges of "committing a sexual abomination." And in what is shaping up to be the most hotly contested and controversial custody battle since the case of little Cuban refugee Elian Gonzales, the proud papa has filed a petition in court to obtain custody of the infant the moment Sitar is released from prison.

"This is about parental rights," declares Sitar's attorney, Yusef Mabok.

The legal eagle acknowledges his client had "consensual relations" with the 3,000-year-old mummy at the key on display at the National Academy of Archaeology — but denies that the bizarre act was any form of necrophilia

in a legal sense," Mabok says.

He's filed for dismissal of the abomination charges. That would leave Sitar facing only a misdemeanor charge of desecrating or defacing a historic artifact, a crime akin to spray-painting graffiti on the Sphinx.

Daddy Dodi says he was unable to resist the charms of the linen-enshrouded female mummy, recently identified by experts as Najma.

"Some higher power drew me to Najma, something beyond her beauty," he gushes. "We are meant to be together. Those in the press who describe what I did as an act of rape don't know what they're talking about."

organs were left in place, including the uterus.

"It was as if she is in a state of suspended animation," notes Egyptologist Dr. Anwar Saad, who discovered the mummy in a necropolis last year.

A still-unidentified liquid permeates every cell of the mummy's body and appears to be what keeps her in an extraordinary state of preservation. When Tut was born, the substance was detected in his blood as well.

The baby, who was underweight and had a shriveled appearance when born, is now said to be thriving, according to re-

intelligence," says Saad. "At just a few months old, he's already trying to walk and talk, and is even humming songs."

Remarkably, scientists now suspect that Najma, the concubine of a court magician, was intended to bear a special child. Tomb hieroglyphics refer to her as the "sacred vessel," and a mysterious scroll was

found in her coffin.

Researchers say that to hand over a such an extraordinary child to an illiterate man like Sitar is "out of the question." But his lawyer disagrees.

"What any child needs most is a parent's love," Mabok says. "Mr. Sitar is capable of providing a loving, normal family environment for little Tut."

While initially the government hailed Tut's delivery as "marvelous proof of the superiority of Egyptian medicine, ancient and modern," spokesmen are now refusing to discuss the baby with foreign reporters. But prosecutors call Sitar's conduct toward a helpless female mummy despicable.

SHOULD LITTLE TUT BE TURNED OVER TO HIS DAD?

YOU BE THE JUDGE

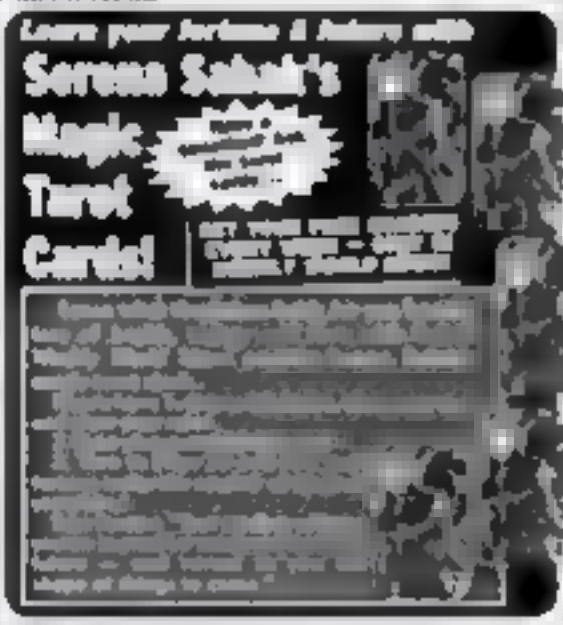
- [ ] **YES! I think Baby Tut belongs with his father Dodi Sitar.**
- [ ] **NO! The best place this special child belongs is with an**

Serena Sabak

AMERICA'S SEXIEST PSYCHIC

My co-worker's a witch – and wants me to join her coven!

Dear Serena: My co-worker is a witch, and is trying to get me to join her coven. She has a lot of money and a gorgeous house, and she says it's all due to black magic. But some of the things she does scare me. For example, many of her spells involve human blood. Do you think I should join her? I'm in debt and could really use some extra cash. — Curious in Long Island



Dear Curious: Girl, your co-worker is bad news! Her form of magic borders on dated worship — a dark and that carries a hellacious price. Trust me, she may be sitting pretty now, but she'll be paying for it forever. I'm using white magic to cloak you in a protective aura. I'm also sending you a lucky talisman to help you get out of debt. When your situation improves, send the talisman on to someone else in need.

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Dear Serena: I met a woman through a mutual friend, and we clicked immediately. In fact, it was as if we'd known each other our entire lives. We're really in love and plan to marry next year. Can you tell us what the future holds for us? — Kristyn in Shreveport

Dear Ecstatic: My trusty crystal ball says nothing but happiness for you. And no wonder — you and your girlfriend are what we call "kindred spirits." Those are souls who fall passionately in love in our early life, then spend their future lives desperately trying to reconnect. In your case, you succeeded — a rare and lucky occurrence because most kindred spirits never lay their soul mates eyes. I wish you all the very best of luck.

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Dear Serena, I really need your help. I was a small [illegible] and we haven't had any substantial rain in a very, long time. My crops are failing and I may lose my land as a result. Can you use your powers to bring us a little rain? My fellow [illegible] and I were [illegible] appreciate it. — [illegible] Dry in Illinois

Dear Bone[illegible]Dry: I can do a lot of things, but controlling the weather isn't one of them. I can, however, give you some hope. I looked in my crystal Fiery Stones there's rain and sun relief in your immediate future. You should start seeing some rain and sunshine within one to three weeks. So try to hang in there — everything will be OK.

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Dear Serena: I'd prefer that Serena answer my question because I think she's a little closer to me. I'm desperate so I'm turning to you. I've been engaged to my boyfriend for eight years. He says he loves me, and he swears I won't get married, but I don't get him to set a date. Will I ever walk down the aisle with this man? — Losing Patience in California

Dear Losing Patience: Honey, you're lucky I'm here to help because my sister Serena's suspicious nature at times borders on pettiness. Her true [illegible]

the tarot cards show that your fiancé loves you, but like many men he's worried to death of commitment. You have two choices: Accept the situation the way it is or give your fiancé the heave-ho and move on. If I were you, I'd choose the latter. You'd be a lot happier with someone who shares your desire for a committed relationship.

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Dear Serena: I often hear voices in my head. Not crazy-people voices, but what seem to be other people's thoughts. Sometimes they're funny, sometimes they're sad. Can you tell me what's going on? I'm starting to get worried. sig. — Muddled in Minnesota

Dear Muddled: You have nothing to be worried about dude. In fact, you should be happy because it sounds to me like you're a born [illegible] mind reader. That is an extremely rare — there are probably fewer than 100 true mind readers in the entire world. And you [illegible] one of them. I'm sending you some tips on how to filter the psychic [illegible] enter your head. You have the power to dramatically affect people's lives so use that special skill carefully.

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Dear Serena: I am a 13-year-old girl who is hoping to meet somebody special someday. Can you tell me when it will happen? — Wondering in Winthrop

Dear Wondering: Don't be in such a hurry, honey. You've got a couple more years before it happens. But eventually you'll enjoy a long and healthy love life.

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PERSONAL TO:

Thinking: Almost fit in Raleigh! I know the money sounds good, but an crystal ball says stripping is not the career for you. I suggest you look for a job that's more creative and less revealing.

Giving Up in [illegible] Gimme: The tarot cards show that your luck is going to improve very soon, dude. An amazing opportunity will reveal itself between [illegible] 5th and [illegible] 16th. Be ready.

Wondering in Reno: I'm not an angel — just someone who enjoys helping others. But thanks for the kind thought.

Finding Ignored in Montreal: Don't worry — your boss is well aware of your hard work. Expect a gigantic "kiss-kiss" and a well-deserved raise by the end of the month.

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What's your weird message from the Fortune Cookie this week? All you've to do is combine them in the order in which they appear.

If the number of letters in your first name is 1 or less, subtract that number from 7. If there are more than 7 letters in your first name, subtract the total from 13.

Now take the result and find your two letters in the word ORIENT above. Then, starting at the upper left corner of the box at left, count each one of your two letters, 1-2 respectively, from left to right. The

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179 Festive occasion
180 Grinding teeth
183 Rock & roller Frank
188 Botany pursuits
188 Firm hold
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191 Surprise attacks
192 Comparative suffix
193 — la la
195 Disdain
196 Brainy bunch
197 Italian city
198 Puts on clothes
200 Grabbing quickly
202 Prepare and equip
205 Arizona city
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208 Cowboy's workplace
209 Mauves
210 Egyptian leader
212 Solitary feminist
213 Thailand, formerly
215 Mythical ship
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120 Robert Blake series
121 Compass heading
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135 Designer Cassini
137 Put two and two together
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FRENCH HID SADDAM'S NUKES UNDER EIFFEL TOWER

— in exchange for oil deals worth billions!

FORMER Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein reportedly made some shady deals before he was ousted.

PARIS — [redacted] officials collaborated with Saddam Hussein to conceal his nuclear weapons from U.N. inspectors by hiding them in the last place anyone would ever look — [redacted] the Eiffel Tower!

CIA sources claim that at least 12 Iraqi nuclear warheads lie stashed in secret chambers below the famous landmark, placed there with the full knowledge and permission of French President Jacques Chirac.

"Every day we uncover more information about how cozy Iraq and France were with Saddam, discovering sleazy secret deals and financial arrangements — but even we were stunned to find out about this," a high ranking CIA insider declares.

FRENCH President Jacques Chirac

"The French defied the United Nations, they defied the United States and to protect their pal Saddam, they defiled the very symbol of their country with their [redacted] lies.

"The French are known to be cynical practitioners of 'pragmatism' in international relations and notoriously willing to cast [redacted] eye to pure evil, yet it boggles the mind that even they could stoop so low."

Saddam asked the French for help in hiding the weapons last summer, the insider reveals. Crafty President Chirac chose the 1,063-foot iron tower — built in 1889 to commemorate the French Revolution — as the hiding place specifically because of its historic importance.

"He knew that the U.N. would never have the guts to demand to inspect the Eiffel Tower," the CIA insider says.

"It would be like someone asking us to let them dig up Arlington National Cemetery and go into the [redacted] of [redacted]

TOWER OF POWER: Nobody would ever suspect nuclear missiles were hidden beneath a national monument — so sneaky Saddam stash them under the Eiffel Tower.

his nuclear program. Saddam allegedly guaranteed the French government oil deals worth countless billions.

Chirac [redacted] blue got in over with the outrageous scheme, but his own underlings, [redacted] by bosses, looked [redacted]

"Remember [redacted] were made in Iraq. They could be dusk or they could be dangerously unstable

"From what we've been told, there's enough megatons down there to wipe out the entire population of France and obliterate at least three-fifths of the rest of Europe as well.

"Some French ministers are furious at Chirac for burying bombs that dangerous in the middle of the nation's capital.

"As one whistle-blower told us,

EIFFEL TOWER: THE FACTS

Most Americans have no idea that terrorists secret vaults exist beneath the Eiffel Tower. Here are some other fun facts you might not know about the famous landmark:

- Construction dates March 31, 1889
- Construction time: 2 years, 2 months and 5 days
- Components: 18,038 pieces, 2.5 million rivets
- Height to top of flagpole: 1,063 feet
- Number of steps: 1,665
- Material: Puddle-iron puddle steel
- Visitors last year: 6,157,843
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- Cost to build: 7.8 million gold francs
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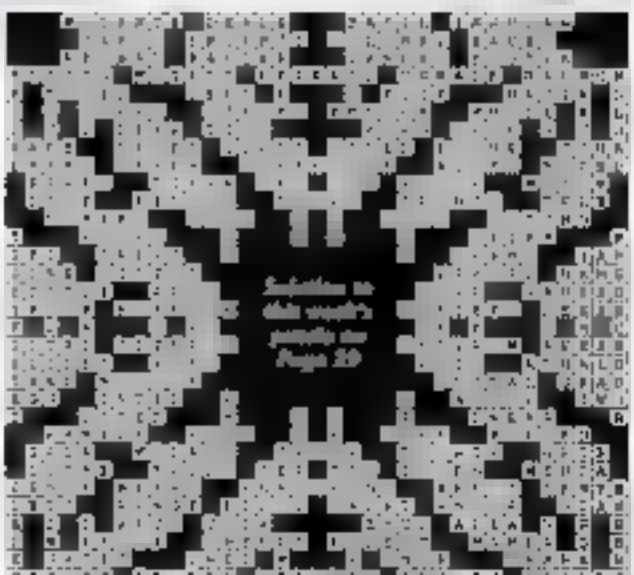

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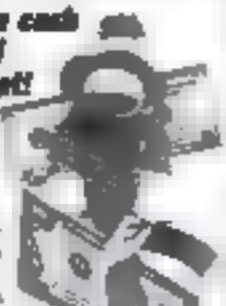

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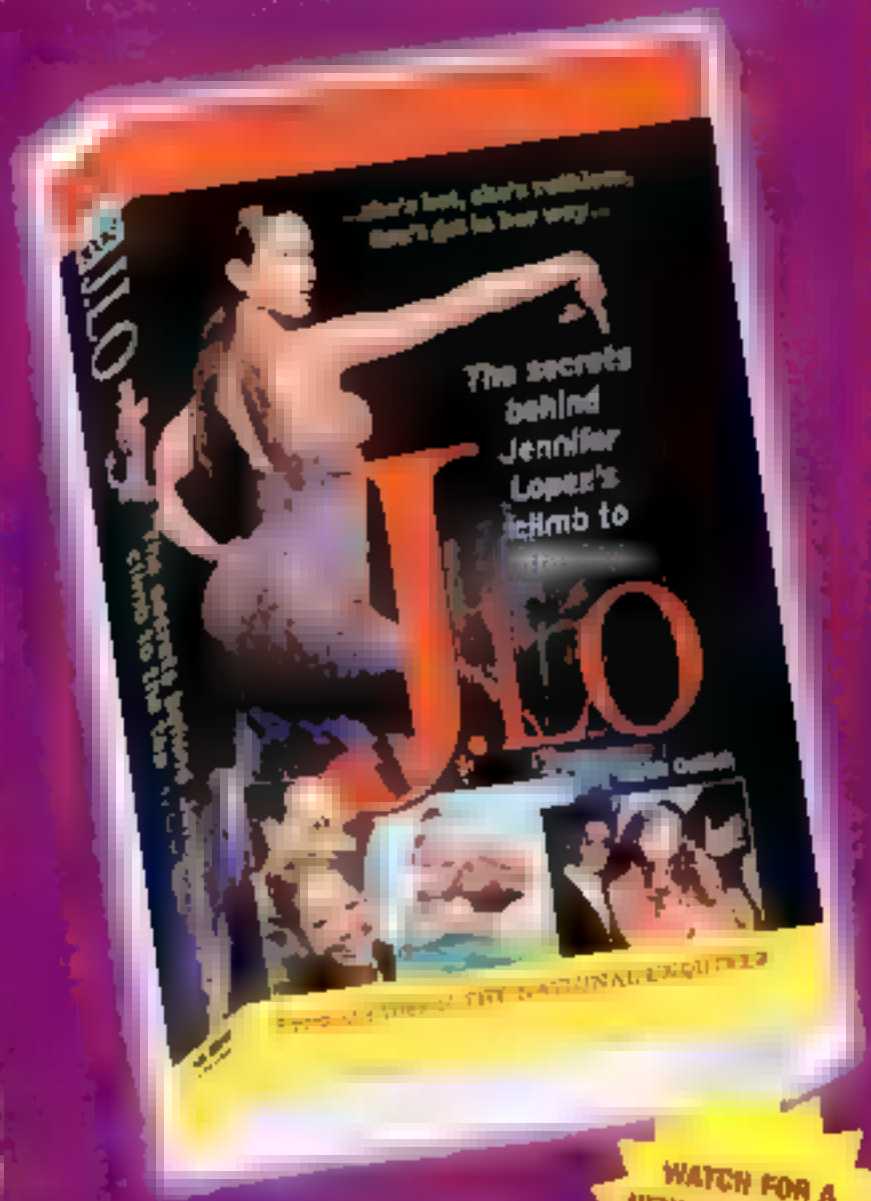
Along the way, Jennifer has suffered two broken [illegible] with rap mogul P. Diddy that [illegible] rise again to find love with Ben Affl[illegible]

J.Lo – The secrets behind Jennifer Lopez's climb to the top takes you inside the world of the superstar diva with never-[illegible] rags-to-riches journey.



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DEAD OR ALIVE?

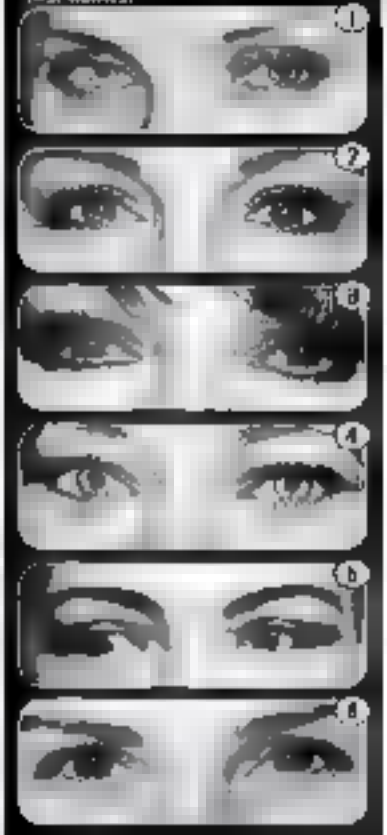
These classic stars were once the members of our own family, but they haven't visited much lately. Can you tell who's still living and who's not? (Answers below)

A single guy and his sweaty robot treat their lives turned upside-down when the swinging bachelor becomes surrogate dad to his orphaned nieces and nephew. Everything worked out fine for the unconventional family of *Family Affair* -- even if the actors who played them didn't all have happy endings. The original series, which was remade with a new cast in 2002, ran from 1966 to 1971 and starred chickens Mrs. Beasley, SEBASTIAN CABOT (Mr. French), JOHNNY WHITAKER (Jody) ANISSA JONES (Buffy — holding her beloved doll, Mrs. Beasley), KATHY GARVER (Cissy) and BRIAN KEITH (Uncle Bill).

MYSTERY EYES

Below are close-ups of some famous people. Can you tell who they are? The answers are below.

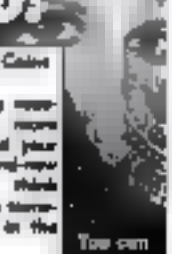
HINT: They're all women with men's first names!



1) Jessica Alba
2) Cameron Diaz
3) Drew Barrymore
4) Jennifer Aniston
5) Christina Aguilera
6) Britney Spears

Samantha (Jean died of a stroke in August 1977, at age 36. Jeremy Wheeler at 43. Jennie Jones died of a drug overdose in August 1978, at age 32. Buffy Brian Keith, suffering from emphysema and lung cancer, committed suicide in June 1997, at age 73.

Your tarot fortune from Page 27 — REVEALED!



You can play Serena's Magic Tarot Cards, too! Just turn to Page 27 and

Card No. 1: The Sun
SUCCESS

Love: Difficulties in your relationship will end when your expectations become more realistic. Maybe, a more outgoing attitude will catch the eye of one you've been admiring from afar.

Money: Promotion on the job comes from hard work, but also by being in the right place at the right time. Stay alert to opportunities as they arise.

Health: It's not easy to stick to a fitness plan when obvious results don't come, but discipline and perseverance will pay off in the end.

Card No. 5: 10 of Swords
AFFLICTION

Love: Illness and gossip may test your faith in your sweetheart, but only if you listen to the idle talk. Judge your partner by what you know in his heart, not what others say.

Money: A dip in your finances will be temporary, although it could last a little longer than you'd like. Some creative budgeting will help you weather the storm and prepare for the next one.

Health: Stress from overwork and overindulgence will leave you susceptible to illness. You can lessen the

Card No. 1: 7 of Cups
IMAGINATION

Love: Use the power of your mind to cast a romantic spell. Think of the kind of person you want to attract, and you'll find yourself drawn to people with those qualities.

Money: Don't let naysayers discourage you from trying new ways of making money. If you have a solid plan and the skills and resources you need, the sky's the limit!

Health: Meditation can be a surprisingly effective tool for well-being. Take a few quiet moments each

Card No. 2: The Moon
BAD INFLUENCE

Love: A stranger with a tainted reputation may be a tempting prospect, but once the excitement wears off you're likely to regret your involvement. Don't venture too long with sleazy folks.

Money: Get-rich-quick schemes are everywhere, but most of them are shady at best — and rarely pay off as big as the hucksters claim. Be careful not to be sucked into a dangerous enterprise.

Health: Good news will demand some celebrating in the near two weeks, but watch yourself. A few over-

Card No. 4: Page of Coins
NEW IDEAS

Love: An upcoming reunion will be a lot more memorable if you and your partner share a brand-new destination. Singles, think about hooking up with someone you've discussed in the past.

Money: A frustrating problem at work can be solved if you seek a fresh perspective. Ask someone in another department for their thoughts — they could be just what you need.

Health: Thoroughly check out any claims made about "miracle" treatments, but keep an open mind. Your

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AMERICA'S 'GOOD GUY' DAYS ARE NUMBERED

— WE'LL BE THE BAD GUYS BY 2014, TOP EXPERT WARNS!

By MICHAEL CHRON

ROME — America's days as the world's good guy are numbered. Within 11 short years, we'll be public enemy No. 1 and a menace to all mankind!

That's the disturbing warning of a top historian who predicts that by 2014, America will be much like the evil Empire in *Star Wars* — a cruel and ruthless giant who subjugates other countries and crushes those who refuse to knuckle under to our rule.

Incredibly, we'll even have to contend with bold freedom fighters who seek to oppose what will then be known as U.S. tyranny, warns Italian professor Claudio Musante, who's spent the past 20 years studying historical cycles.

"Every country goes through cycles of good and evil," explains Musante. "America has been in a good phase almost since its inception in 1776 and that's a record. Unfortunately nothing lasts forever — your nation is long overdue for the ...

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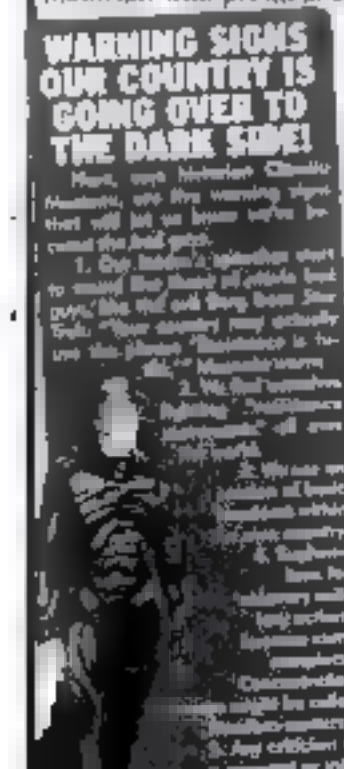

DARTH VADER and his Imperial Stormtroopers were the bad guys in the movie Star Wars — a role America will be playing in just a few short years, a leading historian argues.

bad guys were gone.

"England was a tyrannical power when it was opposed by the fearless Scottish freedom fighter William Wallace in the 13th century, as those of you who saw the movie *Braveheart* the other night ...

"Yet by 1588 during the days of Queen Elizabeth, England was the good guy that stopped the Spanish Armada and persecuted Spain [and] evil Protestants tried to snuff out the new American nation. The British were the bad guys again.

"But in the 20th century, when Adolf Hitler rose to power, England again became good and heroically battled his efforts to take over the world.

"Over the past 60 years, China and Japan have remained more as good and ...

sadistic fiends and the Chinese were the heavy freedom fighters," the expert observes.

"But now Japan is a good-guy nation and China is the inscrutable superpower that the free world fears and must constantly struggle to keep in check."

As America increasingly throws our weight around in the name of good, the odds

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Don't be too quick this week to dip into your hard-earned nest egg to help finance a friend's get-rich-quick scheme.

Lucky numbers are 23 and 6.

Your sense of humor gets you through a sticky situation with neighbors.

It's no time to rekindle an old flame. Your luck improves over the weekend after you take care of domestic chores.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 – May 20

Your single-mindedness is paying off, and projects will come to completion easily. However, you will start to feel a little low this week, so make time to get out and play!

A late-night make-up works in your favor, and should prove to be a turning point in a romance. The weekend will be very romantic for lucky singles. Wearing blue will improve the situation.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

Listen to one who offers you advice this week — they aren't blowing smoke.

The week finds you racing against the clock trying to get everything done on time, but you will finally relax on the weekend with friends and someone you've had your eye on.

If travel is on your agenda this week, start out early to avoid a dangerous traffic situation.

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CANCER

June 21 – July 22

You'll ride high early this week when everyone gives you the credit and recognition you deserve.

However, someone else may try to take the credit, so use your sense of humor and mental arm skills if needed.

A partner's angry mood will call for patience and understanding on your part. Listen to what he or she is telling you!

LEO

July 23 – Aug. 22

This week is a good time to begin planning for a summer getaway.

Advice from a friend helps you solve a sticky problem.

You feel confused and trapped by the demands on your time over the weekend. Surrender, but don't give yourself away. Your family needs you to focus on them for a while. Romance is on the agenda.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Be prepared for trouble this week when family and friends feud. Be wary of taking sides — you could come out the loser.

You feel in-laws are interfering in your affairs, and you're right. Watch your back!

Attending a party on the weekend could bring an introduction to one who could play a future romantic role.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	2, 6, 14, 20, 23, 36
TAURUS	9, 11, 24, 26, 41
GEMINI	3, 8, 21, 23, 33, 34
CANCER	10, 16, 22, 30, 32, 43
LEO	6, 7, 12, 19, 27, 36
VIRGO	15, 20, 28, 32, 39, 42
LIBRA	4, 12, 27, 28, 43, 44
SCORPIO	5, 8, 18, 25, 40
SAGITTARIUS	1, 10, 16, 26, 33, 39
CAPRICORN	13, 24, 26, 36, 46, 47
AQUARIUS	7, 8, 18, 32, 38, 42

LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

You may begin this week feeling very mad making enemies from an earlier weekend. Be prepared for a mysterious delivery of some kind — your car or a trusty home appliance.

Don't let your busy schedule interfere with taking care of the daily grind — try listening instead of talking.

Your financial situation can improve considerably this week.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

This week will be lucky for you. Games of chance, lottery tickets and short-term investments should pay off handsomely.

By week's end someone has you choking the walls and ready for time off.

In love and sex you may from sleepy sounds. Angry feelings could surface when someone close to you makes decisions without telling you.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

This week is challenging, but you will prove you are capable of successfully handling a heavy load that will emerge victorious.

That new person you've had your eye on is a true catch. Make your move or plan on regretting your hesitation.

Expect a problem with creditors when an important letter goes astray or a computer error proves troublesome.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Make plans early this week. Opportunities arise which should enable you to promote your ideas.

Money troubles may surface when you find your partner have a disagreement about how to spend it. Sleep on the couch before attempting to reconcile.

Take time out from your busy schedule to update your wardrobe — plastic are never a good idea!

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Be prepared this week for emotional highs and lows. Lucky on you've superficial, manipulating yourself and even others.

Midweek, friends rally around to help you cope with a stranger bringing confusion to your home.

Don't ignore that lucky feeling when it comes to romance or playing the lottery. You feel lucky for a reason.

PISCES

Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Double-check that what's really important for you to accomplish this week. Sort out your priorities and you'll make headway.

Double-check locks on doors and windows before leaving home. Also, it would be a good idea to change your work and underwear drawers.

A friend will arrive from out of town with a sleeping bag and some great news.

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Here's more:

By JUSTIN MITCHELL
Weekly World News

● The average American tastes [illegible] pounds of [illegible] a day.

● The First United Methodist Church in [illegible], Kan., was built as a massive grasshopper plague. The pastor continued building the church despite the infestation, and now thousands of grasshoppers are mixed into the mortar of the original building's foundation.

● Green Goddess salad dressing was created in the 1920s at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. The chef whipped it up in honor of actor George Arliss, who was appearing in a play called *Green Goddess*.

● The state grass of Utah and Nevada is Indian ricegrass. It was eaten by Indians and early pioneers.

● The first soda pop made in the U.S. was Vernor's Ginger Ale, created in Detroit in 1866 by James Vernor.

● The Flower of Kent apple — large and green-skinned — is the type of apple thought to have hit Sir Isaac Newton on the head, inspiring his discovery of the law of gravity.

● When Tennessee building

The Cannon Ebony-Dennis Rodman marriage is one of the shortest in Hollywood history. The former Baywatch beauty filed for annulment after only nine days.

goats are frightened or excited, their muscles lock up and they often fall over — or "faint" — and lie stiff for a few seconds.

● The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than 100 miles at sea off the mouth of the river, you can dip fresh water out of the ocean and drink it.

● According to psychologists, the slum and the taxi are the most common scenes of sexual fetishism in Western society.

● Ceaușescu, the communist dictator, used condoms made of linen.

● During an orgasm, a woman's body releases endorphins, which are powerful painkillers. So headaches are in fact a bad excuse for not having sex.

● In 1910, Russian transplant surgeon Dr. Serge Voronoff made headlines by grafting monkey testicles on to human males.

● Why is it impossible to tickle yourself? Because the cerebellum warns the rest of the brain that you are about to tickle yourself. Since your brain knows this, it silences the resulting sensation.

● Every year, surgical tools are left in approximately 1,500 patients in the U.S. Fatter patients are more prone to having a surgical tool left inside of them because of all the additional space in their bodies.

● Vampire bat saliva can keep blood from clotting.

● The average yawn lasts for six seconds.

● Ancient Egyptians used the space [illegible]

Animal Crackers — and more fascinating . . . TRIVIA

Geese have been domesticated for about 5,000 years. They have been valued for meat, eggs, feathers and their down. Some geese who make good "watchdogs," hissing and honking loudly when strangers approach.

● Rabbits' eyes do not pop out when the baby is 4 or 5 weeks old.

● Each nostril of a human being registers smells in a different way. The right nostril detects the more pleasant odors, but the left (sniff) is more accurate.

● Eating dandelions can make you urinate more.

● Humans are born with 94 bones in their body. But by adulthood, we have only 206 bones. This occurs because many of our original bones fuse together.

● The letter Q is dyslexic. Each time it learns a new word, it tries to trick you by pretending to switch places.

● Movie actor John Wayne once won canine star Lassie in a poker game.

● Beards have the fastest growing hairs on the human body. If the average man never shaved, he could grow a beard almost 30 feet long in the course of his lifetime.

● The squirrel monkey's brain accounts for roughly 7 percent of its body weight — the largest percentage of any other animal. The human brain, by comparison, makes up about 2.1 percent of the average person's body weight.

● Some viewers of Gilligan's Island up patiently took the television show seriously in the 1960s. The U.S. Coast Guard received several telegrams from concerned citizens asking why they didn't rescue the Minnow's crew.

● The term "ground beef" refers to meat that can contain up to 30 percent fat. Ground chuck is from the shoulder of the carcass and is 15-25 percent fat.

● The month of August was originally named Sextilis. Gaius Julius Caesar Augustus, the first Roman emperor, changed the name so he'd be remembered for putting 31 days back on schedule.

Grapes growing on the largest food industry in the world. There are more than 60 species and 5,000 varieties of grapes, and they can all be used to make juice and wine.

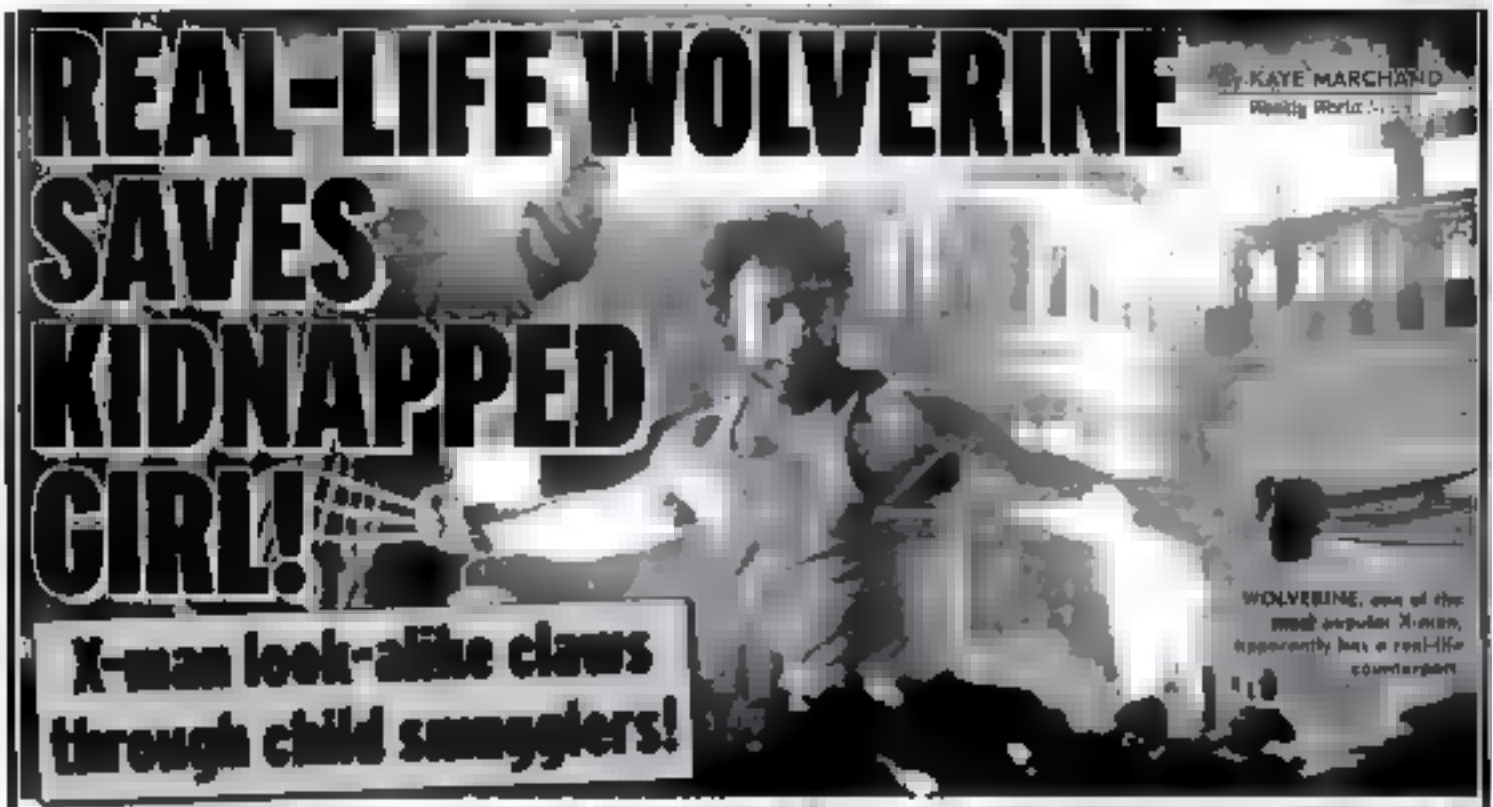
● The cash register was invented by Ohio saloon keeper James Ritty to keep his bartenders honest. No one could open it and steal out some cash without ringing it up.

West Wing star Martin Sheen, below left, earns $6.9 million a year for playing President Josiah Bartlet. That's a mind-blowing 17 times more than the paltry $400,000 George W. Bush earns for being the real-life president.

REAL-LIFE WOLVERINE SAVES KIDNAPPED GIRL!

X-man look-alike claws through child smugglers!

By KAYE MARCHAND
Weekly World News



WOLVERINE, one of the most popular X-men, apparently has a real-life counterpart

UGHZGOROD, Ukraine — A 4-year-old girl held prisoner in a remote mountain cabin and awaiting shipment to a pedophile ring in Germany was reportedly rescued by a shaggy freak with razor-sharp claws — just like Wolverine, the superhero in the hit movie X-Men 2.

Little Anastasia Kalynchuk told police that the "claw man" burst in through a window and made mincemeat of her six captors — slashing throats with foot-long, knife-like claws and tossing the baby-snatchers about like rag dolls. Then the mystery man gently freed the tot from the wire cage where she'd been imprisoned like an animal.

"The claw man was very strong," Anastasia said on Ukrainian TV after being reunited with her tearful mom. "He kicked one of the bad men and the bad man flew through the air and hit the ceiling."

Four of the heartless creeps were killed. Two others suspected ringleaders Ivan Chisolov and Dymitrus Panyik, were left bug-eyed with duct tape for the police. When cops arrived on the scene, they found the alleged culprits bleeding from long, deep wounds all over their bodies — whimpering in fear about the "monster" who attacked them.

The bizarre Good Samaritan vanished before cops showed up, summoned by the plucky youngster who called for help on the kidnappers' phone.

Police attribute some of the more fanciful aspects of the child's account of the drama to Mary's reaction to an "overdeveloped imagination." But the cops acknowledge the teary hero suspects confirm that he had claws protruding from his flesh — that wasn't a glove with blades attached," reveals Police Inspector Krystiyan Shevchuk, head of a regional missing children task force.

"He could be the victim of a previous birth defect. Some people are born that way, but this case was a performance. We don't believe that to be the case. But we do have a man with [illegible] a sense of exceptional courage."

The incident has sparked sensational headlines nationwide and a police sketch of the fearless freak appeared in two Ukrainian dailies.

Some Ukrainian reporters have suggested that the claw man might be a [illegible] spread hundreds of miles [illegible] a slew of birth defects.

"There are stories of an old Gypsy witch woman who lives in the Carpathian Mountains and gives refuge to freaks in a secret cave," says Inspector Shevchuk. "Some believe he might be one of those she raised."

In the remote log-enshrouded Carpathians, there is very little tolerance among superstitious Slavic peasants for people who appear "different."

"Village vigilantes will still hunt down a so-called 'monster' at the drop of a hat," notes a leading social psychologist in Kiev. "They've surely tracked their trenches for flashlights and their pitchforks for automatic weapons."

"I can see why an indeed-[illegible] might see fit to take refuge in some hidden mountain cave."

Investigators say the little girl who was snatched from her front yard two weeks earlier was not molested. But had she not been saved in time, she would have been smuggled by her greedy captors to perverts in Germany who pay as much as $30,000 per head for underaged "merchandise."

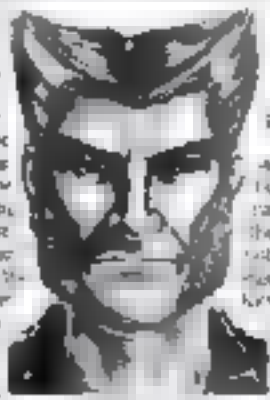
Her grateful mother is singing the praises of the real-life X-Man.

"I don't care if he is a freak. He brought my little girl back to me," declared Ekaterina Kalynchuk, 36, as she cuddled her rescued daughter.

Still, some narrow-minded folks refuse to put their prejudices aside.

"The thought of a monster with claws lurking in the hills makes my skin crawl," says a neighbor who asked to remain anonymous. "What if he's a detective or something? The police should track down that claw man before he harms an innocent person."

ADORABLE Anastasia Kalynchuk was saved from a life of horror by a mysterious claw man



A POLICE sketch of Anastasia's rescuer, who bears a striking resemblance to the superhero Wolverine.

MAN FLOODS HOTEL WITH COCKTAILS

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A desperate counterfeiter flooded three hotel rooms by stuffing bricks of fake money down a toilet as police raided the room.

Travis Leon Anderson, 21, was charged with first-degree criminal mischief for allegedly causing more than $1,000 damage to the third-floor hotel room

MOMMY DEER-EST

OH, DEER! A caring canine named Zarina nurses an abandoned baby deer, in a stunning display of maternal instinct. The unlikely pair came together at a zoo in Bolgarad, Russia, where the deer had been brought after being found in some nearby woods. "It was a stroke of luck for the deer," says a zoo worker. This isn't the first case of an animal mothering the offspring of another species. Many cases of cross-species care have been documented, including dogs and cats. In one especially surprising case, a human mother even nursed some puppies for a female dog who couldn't do the job herself. "Some creatures just have a strong maternal instinct," says one expert.

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Mystery man is healing the sick and dying in Holy Land!

IS HE the Son of God — or a false prophet that the Bible warns us against? Or is Nestor Theophosus merely a man spreading a message of faith, love and goodwill?

JERUSALEM — A man who claims to have a human mother and a space alien father is said to be working miracles in the Holy Land.

And while untold thousands are convinced he is the new Messiah who will lead the forces of goodness and light to victory in the Battle of Armageddon, many others insist Nestor Theophosus is not the Son of God or even a sincere evangelist.

By MARI CARR
Weekly World News

"I am who I am, nothing more," Theophosus declared, in a rare interview with an Israeli news crew who visited his "Miracle Camp" outside Jerusalem earlier this month.

"I am of this world because my mother is of this world, and I am not of this world because my father is not of this world," he said, referring to his claim of having an extraterrestrial father.

"It is you who say I am the Messiah."

Witnesses say Theophosus, 33, has healed hundreds or even thousands of sick and dying people, many of whom have waited in lines up to a mile long. They also claim he can vanish and reappear hundreds of miles away — and move or destroy objects just by looking at them or waving his hand.

Skeptics say the real question isn't whether Theophosus works miracles, but how — and why — he performs them.

"Does he heal through mass hypnosis?" asks Laycie Datnoff, a Tel Aviv-based journalist who has reported on Theophosus and his ministry since he began to

"Are we looking at group hysteria, or an outright scam in which he plants people in the crowd who only pretend to be sick so he can 'heal' them?

"Unfortunately," she continues, "dismissing Theophosus as a mere charlatan isn't that simple. For one thing, he lives in poverty and accepts no gifts or money for anything he does.

"And it's pretty clear that he's working at least some genuine miracles out there. As a journalist I consider myself to be a skeptic, yet I've seen Theophosus raise people from their deathbeds — people I know for a fact were being eaten alive with cancer or AIDS.

HOLY HEALER: Sick people line up to be healed by Theophanous' "healing stick."

"Millions of people — and eventually billions of people — will find themselves compelled to take sides. Whether Theophanous is real or a fake isn't really the issue.

"The issue is how much power he can assume over mankind, how quickly he can assume it, and what he'll do with that power when he's got it.

"Beyond that, the question remains: For whom is Theophanous working — the forces of light and peace and good, or the forces of darkness and evil and war?"

Official records show Theophanous was born in Bethlehem on Dec. 15, 1940, to an unmarried Greek woman named Olympia Theophanous. His father has never been identified.

There is no record of him having ever attended school. His mother disappeared in 1972.

Theophanous is vague about his past, sometimes saying he spent his childhood in London and sometimes saying he grew up in Jerusalem — and sometimes saying he grew up on another planet with his dad.

He has, according to the *Jerusalem Post*, been clearer about his purpose: "To bring love into the world."

He reportedly has assembled a group of 12 disciples to help spread his ministry — just as Jesus Christ did 2,000 years ago.

Meanwhile, with the controversy over Theophanous heating up in the Holy Land, Western intelligence sources vow to watch "very closely" as the enigmatic figure embarks on a world tour.

"I want to believe God has sent someone to keep us from annihilating ourselves simply by commanding her to 'return from the dead and live again by the Holy Name of God.'"

Datnoff says Theophanous has drawn "keen interest" from the CIA and its Israeli counterpart, Mossad.

"With the world on the brink of World War III, with strife in the Holy Land threatening to touch off that war at any moment, they have to take a man such as this seriously.

"I want to believe God has sent someone to keep us from annihilating ourselves in World War III," says one veteran CIA operative. "But in my business you're not allowed to hope and dream — you prepare for the worst."

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